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Sinn Fein 'facing oblivion'



INN Fein was warned last night that it is facing political oblivion fter London and Dublin both demanded an immediate and irrevocable end to IRA violence in the wake of the Manchester bomb which injured more than 200 people and left a square mile of the city centre

The bomb, using bets one and one and a half tons of fertiliser-based explosive, was the biggest ever to go off on the mainland, police said, with wreckage from the van blown half a mile into the air. Police and anti-terrorist

squad detectives disclosed last night that the seven and a half ton white cargo van used heart of Mancheste parked in Pererbon who may have seen it on Friday to come forward.

Police were hoping that leads could be provided by film from city centre security cameras as well as shoppers and up to 30,000 Euro 96 fans in Manchester for last night's

As city council surveyors and insurance assessors picked their way through the tons of crushed glass, shat-tered tiles and other debris to assess the damage and safety of buildings around the Arndale Centre, one senior officer said last night: "No one ii likely to be shopping in that centre this year.

A handful of the 200 people injured in the blast were still in hospital last night, includ-ing a-woman who had almost 300 stitches in her face during seven hours of surgery. These injuries will have a life-long effect," said her

with a gaping hole now opening up at the heart of the Northern Ireland peace process, the Irish government angrily demanded to know whether it had been conned over the republican move-ment's commitment to finding a peaceful settlement.
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"inclusive dialogue". By the recent IRA murder of the recent IRA murder

in the peace talks.

"What is needed now is an unconditional and irrevoca-ble IRA ceasefire," he said. There can be no looking over the shoulder to the option of violence."

The Ulster Unionist leader, David Trimble, accused the too soft in their dealings with IRA and Sinn Finn, describing their approach as all carrot and no stick. "There's got to be some measures brought to bear on Sinn Fein/IRA, rather than this total passivity which seems to govern the security side of the Government's policy," he said.

nied by a confusing series of signals in Belfast, with a number of media outlets contacted by apparent IRA dissi-dents claiming that its ruling army council no longer had the confidence of key areas

and units. Association was telephoned by an unidentified man who claimed: "We have called or them to stand down. We're not happy with them. They've shortchanged us. The Man-chester attack wasn't sanc-

tioned by them. The failure of the IRA leadership to claim the Manches ter bomb by late last night was also raising questions

But security sources in Bel-ast and London are sceptical that a split is emerging, and still believe that discipline will prevail and that, if anything, the IRA is prepared to go back to a full-scale cam-paign of violence to avoid

The last time Manchester was a target was in December two devices less than a mile from the scene of Saturday's explosion.

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Russia's low pell turnout alarms Yeltsin camp

STARTLINGLY low turnout in Russia's presidential elections yesterday caused alarm in Boris Yeltsin's campaign team, who knew his communist exponents would bring their own voters but

Less than two thirds of useisms heeded Mr Yeltsin's call to vote in an election which has been portrayed as make or break for the country's reform programme.

With almost all polls closed, fewer than 62 million Russians had bothered to vote out

of a possible 105 million. Turnout was highest in socalled Red Belt areas such as the Urals where it stood at 60 per cent, and lowest in reformist strongholds such as St Petersburg and Moscow, with 44.7 and 55.9 per cent

respectively At one stage, Mr Yeltstn's campaign team were so desperate for voters to go to polling stations that the prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrminister, Viktor Charmany 1 of the other candidates for Mr stop watching live coverage of the other candidates for Mr stop watching live coverage of Yeltsin to coopt, and it is ruthell match in Manchester. Mr moured several posts bave already been offered to him. Chernomyrdin urged them to trade their future "for eastern regions. Primorski not to trade their future "for an extra hour in front of your

television sets or at your da-

chas and vegetable plots". However, preliminary unof-ficial results for far eastern regions had Mr Yeltsin narrowly in the lead over his main communist challenger

run-off likely in July. Perhaps the biggest surprise from the far east was the strong third place showing for the moderate nationalist, Alexander Lebed, a former general. Mr Lebed would be the easiest eastern regions, Primorski

Krai, early results gave Mr

Lebed as much as 19.2 per

cent, not far behind Mr Zyu-ganov with 24.5 per cent. Mr being equal, free and demo-yeltsin gained 29.6 per cent. In Chechenia, where contro-

versial local polls threatened a fragile peace deal with sepa-ratists, polling stations closed arly after violent incidents. Mr Yeltsin cast his vote in bullish mood. Asked whether be would let the communists win, he said: "Under no circumstances." Mr Zyuganov said that all

the votes would be his - and what mattered was that they were counted properly. Mr Lebed growled: "I have come here to win." --Grigory Yavlinsky, another candidate, angry at Mr Yelttion under [the former Soviet leader] Leonid Brezhnev." To stand a chance of defeat

ing Mr Zyuganov, Mr Yeltsin would have needed to mobilise the 30 million uncommitted voters - and a poor turnout means that he had failed to do so, even with massive public-ity. This spells problems for the future: by law all campaigning stopped on June 14, meaning Mr Yeltsin is much more constrained in how he can boost his support before

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Twin-track route to more violence

In the mind of the Shopping centre IRA, a ceasefire may represent not a goal but a tactical option



David Sharrock ireland Correspondent

THE peace process dead? With growing anger in London and ebbing trust in Dublin, Sinn Fein looked danger-ously isolated last night as Gerry Adams balked at condemning the IRA bomb in

Mr Adams's recent comments have focussed on the need to "rebuild" the peace Irish republicans it died along with the two men in the Canary Wharf explosion in February. But the 200 shoppers in-

jured in Manchester on Satur-day point, in brutal terms, to the fact that the peace process resists rebuilding. The men and women who call the shots within the IRA do not believe there is enough on offer to merit a return to ceasefire. It is true that IRA activity has been at a low ebb since Canary Wharf. Some of this must be accounted for by the "own goal" which took Eddle O'Brien's life in February . and the failure to explode the largest semtex device ever



tion of the England depart- | the limits. What we are seeing

they can disregard Washing senior figures within the ton's anger will be tested to republican leadership who

square over further alert.

1.12pm: Controlled explosion in Piccadilly Gardens of a package, later

is a continuation and a refine

ment of the movement's twin-

and the ballot box, although the ballot box wing was im-

pressively strengthened last month by Sinn Fein's record

15.4 per cent electoral success. But there are sufficient

'Manchester Martyrs' threatened to set English against the Irish T IS NOT the first time | Martyrs, and they are still

the scene of an outrage that has threatened to set the English against the Irish, writes David Pallister

In September 1867, as members of the Fenian Brotherhood — the fore-runner of the IRA — were invading Canada from the 1980s. United States and rising up in Kerry, two Fenian prisoners were being escorted through Manchester in a

A group of armed Fenian sympathisers attacked the van and in the ensuing me-

Three men were arrested and tried. Michael Larkin, Michael O'Brien and W. P. Allen, were duly banged on

well prison in central Lon-don. With gunpowder they November 23. blew up one of the walls For the English the three were the Manchester Mur- But it was another own

As a demonstration of the

twin-track strategy in action.

we need only look back a

month to when Martin McGuinness sent signals via

the Jonathan Dimbleby pro-

gramme on London Weekend Television about the pros-

are in the minority.

derers; but to the Irish, goal; 12 prisoners died and they were the Manchester 120 were maimed. hold dual Sinn Fein-IRA pects for a restoration of the membership to gouge holes in the theory that the militarists lieved the IRA was open to

> sioning obstacle could be surmounted. ever, another leading republi-can Brian Keenan was delivering a different message to supporters gathered at the Belfast graveside of IRA vol-

commemorated every year

Inevitably, the operation was celebrated in Republi-

can folklore as an heroic

It even inspired the bal-

lad. The Smashing of the Van, a favourite of the Irish

Some historians have argued that the Manchester

incident contributed to the

prime minister, Mr Gladstone, moving to embrace

In the same year the Feni-

ans tried to rescue a group

of colleagues from Clerken-

our victory." And he had harsh words for John Bruton's government,

in describing them as Staters.

That is not a view which is universally shared within the republican movement, in spite of a particular aversion yesterday that by continuing the search for an IRA ceasefire, he was going against his own instincts. Some believe that the Irish government has best conditions for real peace negotiations. But a gap still

needs to be filled by London, they also argue. That gap is the continuing missioning. The IRA has repeatedly stated that it will not dispose of weapons until after a "final settlement".

If it is accepted that John far as possible without losing the support of Unionist MPs and precipitating a general election the position appears to be at stalemate. Republicans may be minded to maintain their current stance, confident in the belief that a cludes Sinn Fein is, in the

ment adviser, not worth a penny candle.

The detonation of a bomb from time to time, while republicans await the out-

words of one Dublin govern-

unteers killed in action. Mr | Britain and perhaps also in Keenan said that the IRA | the Irish Republic, would would not be defeated and | serve a number of purposes. from the IRA's perspective. It would remind London that it cannot be defeated. It would in the IRA's struggle, ac-knowledging that to bomb fel-low citizens in Northern Ireland has only deepened resistance to British withdrawal in the Unionist community. Hardliners need only look at how the Canary Wharf bomb brought a date for allparty talks which 17 months of ceasefire failed to provide. Whether this could be sus-

tained for any length of time, however, is difficult to ies would almost inevitably restart their campaign. But most of all, it would il-The TUAS paper is an IRA strategy document, leaked to the media last summer, which had been accepted as

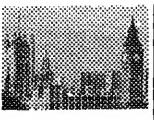
that it means Tactical Use of Armed Struggle — in other words, ceasefires are a tactical option, too.

Taken to its logical concluall-party talks involving Sinn Fein do eventually reach a

standing for Totally Unarmed

Struggle. It is now recognised

take up arms once more.
This is the grimmest of scenarios, for Unionists might be justified in concluding that the "peace process" initiated by Gerry Adams and the SDLP leader, John Hume, is come of a general election in | no more than a Trojan Horse.



London

MINISTERS reacted with gloomy predictions that the peace process may have been terminally compromised and Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, said internment to deal with the IRA had not been ruled out. writes David

Pallister.
Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, said he did not think a restoration of the ceasefire by the IRA within 18 hours carried any credibility. 'You don't carry out an in-

discriminate bombing in a major city, injure 200 people and then claim this is a prelude to a commitment to peace. It doesn't carry the kind of conviction that is necessary."
The bomb demonstrated how right both the British and

Irish governments were to in-

sist on a resumption of the ceasefire if Sinn Fein were to take part in the peace talks.

discovered in London, under

Hammersmith Bridge in

April A period of reorganisa-

In response to calls for internment of the IRA's "godfathers" from the Ulster Unionist spokesman. Ken Ma-We've never ruled internment out and we are prepared to do whatever we think will be effective in combating vio-

Speaking on the BBC1's On The Record, Mr Howard said it was difficult to see how the IRA could now convince people that any ceasefire was genuine. "You can't have a situation in which there's a bomb in Manchester on Saturday and the announcement of a ceasefire on Monday and people allowed back into talks on Tuesday.

Andrew Hunter, chairman of the backbench Northern Ireland committee, told GMTV's Sunday programme that the bomb meant Sinn Fein had to be permanently excluded from the talks. He said peace talks should continue. A settlement

reached by those representing 85 per cent of the people of Northern Ireland was better than no agreement at all



10.25am: Army bomb disposal

11.10 am: Bomb disposal squad

ment, run directly by the IRA's GHQ staff based in Dub-

lin, will have contributed to

But the hard truth is that

England must expect further

IRA attacks. Republicans are philosophical about the out-

side world's hostility. How far

the absence of bombs.

Belfast

WHILE Northern Ireland nationalist politicians struggled to salvage some hopes for the peace process, the Ulster Unionists argued that Sinn Fein should be ex-cluded even if there was a new ceasefire and that IRA leaders should be interned.

writes David Pallister. Ken Maginnis, the party spokesman, said that among those detained should be Martin McGuiness. Sinn Fein's chief negotiator and a former member of the IRA's army council. He said it was no longer

acceptable for Sinn Fein to

expect to be invited to the

talks even if the IRA declared a new ceasefire. Calling on the British and Irish governments to intern the top echelons of the IRA.

be said: "I think that Martin McGuinness should be locked up, and I think there are others like him who

The Ulster Unionist leader. David Trimble, appeared to endorse a more rigorous security approach to the IRA, while dismissing suggestions that Mr McGuiness and the Sinn Fein leader. Gerry Adams, were struggling within the republican movement to prevent a return to

"There is strong evidence that Mr McGuinness . . . is involved in IRA activities. and this business should be looked into." he said.

Reports that the Sinn Fein leadership was at odds with the IRA over use of force should be taken with a pinch of salt. He added: "It is too conve-

nient to say that, the day after a bomb." Joe Hendron, the SDI.P MP. said that internment would not be right: "It would be absolutely coun-

terproductive." Sinn Fein should still be allowed into the peace talks if a ceasefire was called, de-



THE Irish government is to review its entire relationship with Sinn Fein at a meeting romorrow, the prime minister John Bruton, said yesterday, writes David Pallister. Mr Bruton said on Radio 4's

World At One: "Obviously we are having to review very seriously and fundamentally our relationship with Sinn Fein, with the republican movement as a whole, in the light of what has happened."

"This is a slap in the face to people who've been trying. against perhaps their better instincts, to give Sinn Fein a chance to show that they could persuade the IRA to reinstate the ceasefire."
"What is needed now is an

unconditional and irrevocable

Dick Spring, the foreign minister, Insisted the peace process had not been blown off course, but he conceded it had

een "very shattered". The bombing indicated a struggle, and a possible split. within the Republican movement, he said. "It leaves us facing a new difficulty. We had always felt over the last number of venrs, we were dealing with leadership, people who were trying to bring the IRA into democratic

"But the situation could be very difficult in the sense that we don't know who we are

Linking the Manchester bomb with the allegedly unauthorised killing by an IRA unit of a police officer in Adare, Co Limerick last week he said: "There is a serious question mark over the cohe sion and leadership of IRA/ freelance or breakways groups, that remains a very serious threat to the stability of both Republic of Ireland

and the United Kingdom."
Mr Spring said on Breakfast
With Frost on BBC TV that his message to the bombers was: "It is futile, absolutely futile. It won't solve anything."



Washington

THE Manchester bomb has left the administration of President Bill Clinton in a near-impossible position. White House officials con-ceded last night, writes

The United States president condemned the bombing immediately, declaring that he was deeply outraged, but there has been no instant decision on what his administration should do next — particularly on the matter of relations with Gerry Adams, Sinn Fein's

president.
"This dramatically undercuts Adams," one high-ranking national secu rity official said. The blast suggests either that Mr Adams is still in league with terrorists, or not in control of his own organisation, the

"If he's not in control official said, indicating that Washington would have little interest in Mr Adams if he is proven powerless over IRA hardliners.

At the weekend officials held telephone consultations with the chairman of the peace talks. George Mitchell, a former senator.

For the moment, the ad-ministration is sticking to its view of Mr Adams as a moderate engaged in a fac-tional war with bardliners and of Saturday's bomb as an effort by IRA militants to keep him out of the Belfast talks.

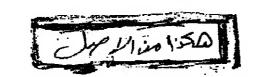
"Beyond being sad and horrible, it's also very frus-trating," said the source, admitting that aides privately fear Northern Ireland may go the way of the Middle East peace process: derailed by acts of terror.

The immediate headache would be a request by Mr Adams for a visa. British officials said yesterday that they would not lobby against this, confident that Washington would "do the right thing".

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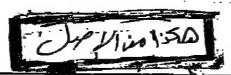
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MI5 expected blast outside London

Police defend evacuation of 80,000 in face of blunder charges



Duncan Campbell and Richard Norton-Taylor

had predicted before Saturday's bomb that the IRA might move out of London for their next attack and that they were likely to strike as a result of recent arrests in Northern Ireland and

but it had all been running the same way: the IRA wanted a spectacular before the talks and then perhaps of the ceasefire.
But the bomb still took the

police and security services by sdrprise. Yesterday, police defended their evacuation in the face of suggestions that they had blundered in failing to clear the area quickly enough.

The bomb exploded one hour and 20 minutes after the vehicle carrying it had been located and one hour and 35 ninutes after the warnings

had been received. The police argued that clearing 80,000 people, includ-ing many foreign tourists and centre cannot be done at high speed without creating a pan-ic. Assistant Chief Constable Colin Phillips said: "The fact that we managed to evacuate such a large area and no one was killed is an absolute gradit to everyone invented."

credit to everyone involved."

The fertiliser-based explosive of up to 1% tons was probably detonated with about two pounds of high ex-

Home-made explosive using fertiliser is particularly effective at spreading the blast through dense narrow city streets full of glass-front-

sive was seen in in Peterbor-ough at 3pm on Friday, and are seeking anyone who saw it after that as it finished its fourney to Manchester They are particularly hopeful that football fans or tourists may have inadvertently

captured the bombers on video film. In addition, police are going through a large amount of closed circuit television foot-

age of the crowds in the city centre that day.

They are also appealing to shopowners and any other businesses to retain all their security camera footage for the 18 days before the van was parked in Corporation Street. The police have named

their hunt for the terrorists Operation Cannon.

The white Ford Cargo truck with an orange cab which contained the bomb had the registration number C214 ACL and the words Jack Roberts Transport on the

It was spotted by a police officer at 10.02am on Saturday outside Marks & Spencer in

are working closely with anti-terrorist squad officers led by Commander John Greave, the head of the squad, who has the primary responsibility for tion of terrorist attacks on the

One likely reason for the come increasingly impenetra-ble since the Bishopsgate bombing because of fears that one more big bang might not only damage the talks but also drive out foreign financial institutions.

The prestige targets in the capital are also heavily forti-While all forces in the

country are officially on full elert, cities with little or no previous history of bombs are clearly more vulnerable. There was a massive police operation in the western ports to try to prevent a bomb being driven on to the It was also not a surprise

that the blast should come shortly after a series of ar-rests in Northern Ireland and the latest bombing campaign. Whenever an IRA member is killed in an operation or whenever there are arrests, the IRA has sought to respond to indicate that the organisation is not affected by what

terrorism agency against the IRA in Britain, has not succeeded in infiltrating the

active service units. MI5 concedes that there can be no security solution against the IRA and that, in the long term, only a political agreement will end, or significantly diminish, the threat of

and disciplined network of

nounced in 1994, MI5 over-es-timated the influence of president, on the IRA

the British intelligence community criticised the Government for not responding sufficiently positively to what they regard as a highly significant initiative by the IRA. They say that John Major tedly serit the wrong sigrepeatedly sent the wrong sig-nals, including responding to the Mitchell Commission by calling for elections to a new

Northern Ireland forum. The agents say that frustration with Mr Major's government was reflected by Sinn Fein's success in the elections last month when it attracted record support of 40 per cent of the Northern Ireland na-

tionalist vote. Meanwhile, there is a feelng among republicans that it was the Docklands bomb

Damage is put | ners and travel huge | at £100m as police seal off city centre for

up to a week

PART of Manchester could be sealed off for up to a week, police said yesterday. Damage was estimated by one

Yesterday a large area of the city remained cordoned and fire crews searched the area at the centre of the blast age. More than 400 businesse are affected.

Later police allowed small groups of keyholders and residents into an outer security zone under escort to recover property and vehicles. However, an inner zone of about half a mile square remained

Chief Inspector Peter Harris of Greater Manchester police said that the damage was appalling. "The blast seemed to carry round corple of days.

distances."

He told a meeting of 500 shop keyholders and residents in Manchester Town Hall that the aim was to restore the city to normal as soon as possible. "But don't ask me how long that will take. I am sure that because of the state of some of the buildings there may be road closures for several days." closures for several days." Malcolm Sanford, Manches

er council's chief executive said surveyors estimated that two thirds of the buildings in the outer cordon were badly damaged with masonry and glass hanging over streets.

Police were also concerne about looters. Several people

The 112,000 sq ft Marks & Spencer store, which bore the brunt of the blast, is one of the retail group's biggest and busiest. The £200 million Arndale Centre across the road contains most of the leading high street names among its 200 shops, including BHS, Littlewoods, WH Smith, Ar-

gos and Boots. Lewis's department store, said: "Shopkeepers in the central zone have been told to go chance of getting in for a cou-

spoke of acres of broken win-dows, collapsed ceilings, devastated shop fittings, goods

strewn across floors and doors blown off hinges. A security manager at the Cooperative Retail Society said: "We had to knock out 83 panes of glass. There was glass all over the place and ceilings were down. We ex-pected a bomb after the police

Westminster Bank regional centre said: "Luckily we had put in bomb-proof glass, and damage could have been worse. Police only allowed us half an hour to collect

In Albert Square, glaziers' vans queued all day to be allowed in. One glazier said: 'We have been working through the night and now we are waiting to go in and finish the job. Police have told us it

could be up to 48 hours." For some, there seemed no prospect of an early return. One man said he was unable to return to his flat.
"I have been told I must get

pass from the council but I have no proof of identity with home because there is no me so they won't give me one.

The most severely injured victim needed 300 stitches after 30 splinters of glass were removed from her face and will suffer side effects for the rest of her life

Martyn Helsell

HE most severely injured victim of the Manchester bomb, who needed 300 after a seven hour operation to remove 30 splinters of glass from her face, will never fully recover, her con-

sultant said yesterday.

The unidentified 42-yearold woman who was working in the city at the time of the blast remained in severe shock yesterday, said Peter White, consultant maxillofacial surgeon at the North Manchester General Hospital. He said: "She hasn't taken

in what has happened. She is very swollen, she is finding it particularly difficult to eat and drink "I expect she will suffer from severe emotional strain

to people, and relationships difficult in the future. But counselling will be available and there is a highly trained

and effective out patients care set up at the hospital." A few inches nearer the centre and the glass which fell on her would have split her head wide open.

he had seen in 19 years at the worried about the baby than hospital. "It's similar to the anything else as I couldn't pre-seat belt days when occur, feel her moving." pants (of vehicles) were hurled through windscreens. The woman, who also received severe cuts to her arm and leg, and damage to her right eye, would need further surgery, and possibly plastic surgery, he said.

She had been conscious when she was brought into hospital A large "tongue of rissue" had been lost from her forehead. This was a caused

It takes a tremendous

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enough chuizpah,

Sally Field

enough ambition.

and there will be life long "She is going to find talking by a large piece of glass. Her

other injuries were caused by splinters. At least 30 glass and from her body. Mr White added: "If you touched her arm you could feel multiple

pieces of glass." Mr White described the surgery as "essentially putting a rigsaw back together again". The another Manchester hospital, a pregnant woman, inpried as she was shopping for the baby she expects in two or bombers as "crazy and

Melanie Russell, aged 23 centre and the glass which from Heywood near Rochhale, fell on her would have split said. I left a blast after it, it her head wide open.

Mr White said it was one of Macked out I came round in the most serious lacerations, the ambusance, I was more

> Medical tests showed the "I think they (the bombers) are absolutely crazy," she said. It's pathetic innocent

people have got hurt," The injured, and staff caring for them, at the 850-bed North Manchester General vesterday received a 45-minute visit from the Duchess of Kent, She said the 10 patients she had met on two wards were "quite extraordinary. but of course they were

shocked and shattered. "Some are obviously frightened . . . it's like a nightmare that they think they are going to wake up from, but they are stoical and being very brave." Ten people, out of 79 originally admitted, were detained

at the North Manchester General Hospital. All 70 patients taken to the other major hospital involved, the Manchester Royal Infirmary, had been discharged last night. More than 200 people were taken to six hospitals immediately

Manchester's Irish brush off the verbal backlash but feel the sorrow

AT the Manchester Irish Centre, where second and third generation emigrants bring their children for a family day each Sunday, there had been 40 abusive phone

calls by hunchtime. The centre, at the heart of the largest Irish community outside London, was full of serious men and wary women talking over the events of the past 24 hours.

"I was putting the washing out yesterday morning when it went off and it was the first time I had beard one since the fifties, when the customs posts used to go up back home," Dermot Macguire, the honorary secretary, said. Mr Maguire, aged 55, left

County Monaghan in 1958 and has lived in the same house in Manchester ever since. He is a local government officer who rarely returns to Ireland now that most of his relatives have died but feels its sorrows keenly and is proud of the centre's work in promot ing trade and good community relations.

He brushed aside the calls: We knew there would be a backlash but it's only a verbal one and we can handle it. It will blow over within a day or Among the lively families istening to Irish music in the

main hall or having Sunday

lunch in one of the upstairs

function rooms there is little

outward sense of a politicised

The Irish have been coming to Manchester, Salford in par-ticular, since before the famine, first as weavers and then

which prompted Mr Major within days to set a firm date

June 10 — for all-party talks on Northern Ireland.

They play an important part in the ethnic mixture of the city, so much so that on Saturday evening, hours after the explosion, they received a visit from Richard Leese, the leader of the city council, and his deputy, Martin Pagel. Mr Maguire believes it was a ges-ture of solidarity. Last March the Irish president, Mary Robinson, came and two hours after her, Cardinal Ba sil Hume, Archbishop of

They are a settled community and they feel it. Pat Co-merford cradled his pint and said that after 30 years he felt embarrassed at what had hapened to the Arndale centre. His friend, John Kelly, who was born in Co. Londonderry had similar feelings: "I lived in Belfast between 1969 and 1971 and I came here to get

away from all that." The younger members of the centre feel pulled both ways when a bomb explodes and makes their nationality

Kevin is a crop-haired young man, one of eight brothers, who left Northern Ireland as an eight-year-old 18 years ago. He moved to Middlesbrough, where he acquired the accent but never quite left his background

"When I got to England they called me an Irish bastard and as I got older I was hassled by the police, who kept a close watch on me. But when I so back to Northern Ireland now they look at my and call me an English

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The singer, not the song, captivates Welsh

Hague hits the right note at a minuscule Tory gathering where security men outnumbered delegates for political organisation which has virtually ceased to exist



Matthew Engel

HE Welsh Conserva tive Party conference had started on Friday with a speech by the Prime Minis ter. It concluded on Saturday morning with speeches from Gummer and William Hague That might not sound a glamorous array to most people, but in Porthcawl it was enough to encourage a small group of locals and tourists to wait behind the security bar-

someone off the telly. A nice lady called Jeanette Groves was clutching a little camera. She could not quite remember his name, but she was surprisingly impressed by the presence inside of the

riers outside the Grand Pavilion on the off-chance of seeing "I was here when Margaret Thatcher came," she said. "But I forgot to bring my cam era with me and I thought "There's silly". So I'd like to get a picture of that young, you

"Hague," I said "That's him," she said. "True blue, me. Always have been in our me. Always have been in our family. My grandmother used to say 'Put cornflowers on my grave, because they're blue'." "I don't suppose," I said, "there are too many left like you round here?" "No," she said sadly. "Very few."

There were very few inside, too: about 200. The old obsersecurity men than delegates was ringed by roadblocks and the seafront rooftops filled with marksmen, stiffened to yellow alert by the bomb news

Even some of the police were shocked that such an exercise should be mounted for The Grand Pavilion in Porthcawl is more pavilion than grand, and the trick with organising Welsh Conservative conferences is not to book too

However, it is fair to say that Jeannette Groves was not the only person impressed with Mr Hague. He concluded proceedings with an excep-



Welsh chorus . . . Delegates at Porthcawl join William Hague in singing Land of Our Fathers

tionally effective speech, list-ing government achievements without straying beyond the ity. Then he carried off the most difficult trick of all for an

singing Land of My Fathers with everyone else, having learned the words: annuyi i mi

mwogion o fri... And 29 more words that, to the English, constitute even ference speeches. His prede-

bother with such details. Mr Hague only slightly spoiled the effect by giving a smug smile at the end to show he

knew. But as the delegates filed out they were muttering approvingly: "Very impressive." "He's certainly young enough." Mr Hague, who is 35

could certainly be a future party leader if (a) he can do something about the TV lights reflecting off his high fore-head, (b) he does not continue to look and sound, as he ages, more and more like Harold Wilson, and (c) there is a party for him to lead.

In Wales in particular that is an open question. There are only six Welsh Tory MPs and not many more councillors.

The majorities of the six range from 19 to 6,050 — and the largest belongs to Rod Richards, lately of the Weish Office, and the News of the World. the News of the World. Banished from the plat-

orm, forced to wear his iden tity tag and queue for tea with the hoi polloi, Mr Richards at least had the courage to turn up on Saturday, even though he might have been wearing a Scarlet Letter on his chest.

The betting was that, even in North Wales, adultery is orgivable in time and that he will be re-selected. It might not matter. The gloomiest Tories believe they will all be wiped out; the shrewdest think the six will be down to two: Mr Richards winning re-drawn Clwyd West and Roger Evans holding on to Monmouth.

such calculations. They were either elderly constituency either eitherly constituency chairmen, here to display a little loyalty and enjoy the tra-ditional piss-ups organised by the Welsh TV companies, or ambitious youths (some of them clearly from the party's "young berk" tendency), standing in teeth-cutting seats with jumbo-sized Labour ma-jorities, and with less chance of being elected in the immed ate future than they have of

winning the lottery jackpot. Over much of Wales the Conservative Club continues to provide cheap beer and mooker tables, but as a politiceased to exist. In some coastal places the Tories are almost wholly English expats. Even in good times the Tory

party has always been far weaker among the Welsh, with their dependence on cha-pels and corporatism, than in either England or Scotland with its strong entrepreneurial traditions. And these are

But a vote against their English masters is as far as the Welsh ever go in the business of rebellion. In speech after speech, it was made clear that speech, it was made clear that the theme for the Conserva-tives in Wales at the election will be an attack on Labour plans for an assembly. Only in a truly cowed country would



Above: Tennessee advert mania. Right: an unspoilt view of Thomas Hardy country. Question: which way will a deregulated Britain go?

I think that I shall never see A billboard lovely as a tree Perhaps, unless the billboards

by the US humourist Ogden Nash could become a reality on British roads again. Rural roads could be blighted by a rash of advertising signs and hoardings, on a scale not seen since be-fore the second world war

An alliance of conservation and local authority groups has written to the Government saying the current restrictions should be built on, not scrapped.

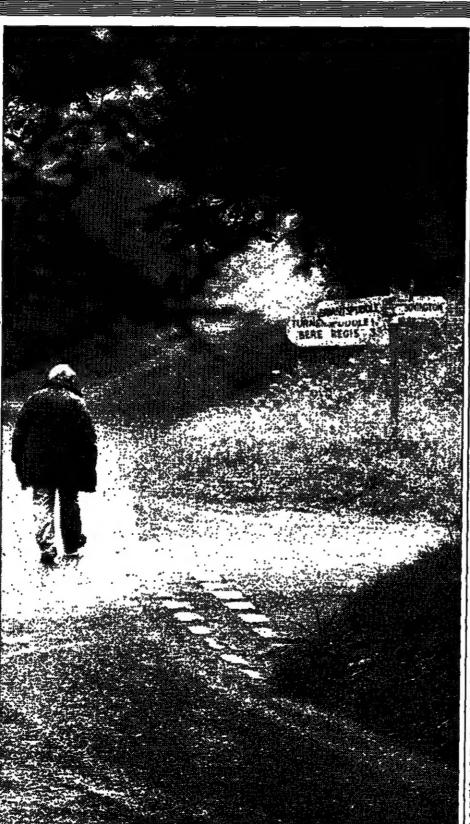
Over half the countryside is protected as an Area of Special Control of Advertising, where hoardings are banned and other forms of advertising controlled.

The Department of the Environment has proposed that these controls which have been in force since

1948 should be abolished or drastically cut. It is one of a series of deregulating pro-posals, including the size and number of permitted tourist signs, and serial advertising such as notices towed by planes and tethered barrage balloons. Only designated national parks and the Norfolk Broads will

be protected. Neil Sinden, campaigns the Protection of Rural England, said the controls were introduced because some rural roads had be-"One of CPRE's earliest accesses was the removal of unsightly advertise-

ments," he said.
The letter is signed by Fiona Jones, director of CPRE, and backed by its Welsh equivalent, and the ssociations of district, metropolitan and county coun-cils. She said: "The depart-ment risks undermining not only the environmental but also the economic value of the countryside.



Women urged not to panic over pill link with cancer

Health, doctors and family planning groups not to panic contraceptive can cause a mall increase in the risk of

The study — the largest tween the pill and breast can-cer — says that overall there is about a 1 per cent extra risk users, and this risk lasts for 10 years after stopping the

The figure means that with some 26,000 cases of breast cancer each year in the UK, the pill might be responsible for an extra 260 cancers.

However, the study has also found that the pill can be ben-eficial for breast cancer, because, if women do develop a tumour while taking the contraceptive or within 20 years of stopping it, the cancer is out the disease in 25

less likely to have spread outside the breast, and so is more

Birth control experts and he Committee on the Safety of Medicines yesterday em-phasised that, overall, the benefits of the pill outweighed its risks because it could cut the chances of other forms of firmation of what was already

known! Doctors pointed out that the report was looking at cases, not deaths, and that women likely to have breast cancer picked up at an early, oper-able, stage than non-users, because they received extra

The report is an amalgam ation of some 90 per cent of the studies into the pill and breast cancer carried out across the world, in a pooling of data which statisticians call a meta-analysis, to obtain large numbers of people so trends become clearer

The data cover 53,000 compared with 100,000 withcountries. The study was car-ried out by Professor Valerie Beral and colleagues from the Imperial Cancer Research Fund's cancer epidemiology

It was due to be published in the Lancet on Friday, but a draft appeared in a Sunday newspaper. As a result the full data will be published today at an emergency press conference called by the fund and the Lancet.

The report states that research into the link is imin the world, and oral contra ceptives have been used by more than 200 women. "Even small changes in the relative risk of breast cancer would affect large numbers of women. For certain groups of past users, there may if anything be a reduction in the risk of breast cancer. These unexpected findings need to be confirmed."

As expected, the risk of breast cancer increases with

Foxes 'born to die as hunts boost breeding'

Stuart Millar

ANIMAL rights campaign-ers have accused Prince Charles and other hunters of hypocrisy after a two-year instigation into the use of ar tificial earths, which encour-

age foxes to breed. The League Against Cruel Sports claims to have discovered that at least 32 hunts are using artificial earths to increase numbers to guarantee kills. Investigators even found hunts feeding foxes on dead sheep and poultry to en-sure a larger population.

In its journal, Wildlife Guardian, the league says: "For fox hunters to argue that hunting is necessary to control fox numbers when those same hunters are responsible for the increasing fox popula-tions, is the height of

hypocrisy."

Prince Charles is a frequent guest of the Beaufort hunt. where investigators say they found many artificial earths, including some under con-struction. "It is therefore inconceivable that the prince is not aware that many of the foxes he assists in hounding to death have been bred to die

in the name of the sport," the

league says. The Thurlow hunt in Suffolk criticised. Its master, Edmund Vestey, whose family is among the 20 richest in Britain, is chairman of the Masters of Fox Hounds Association, which has denied that artificial

Investigators claim to have earths, 14 stick-piles for foxes to lie-up in and several feeding sites where piles of dead poultry were left out, even though leaving animal car-

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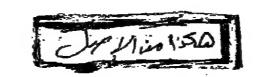
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Teachers 'failing on grammar'

Donald MacLeod Education Correspondent

HILDREN's lack of formal grammar teaching in English is leaving them con-fused in French and German lessons, according to a study published today.

Researchers found that English teachers themselves had a limited grasp of gram-mar and as a result 14-yearolds had not progressed beyond primary school definitions like "a verb is a doing word".

Foreign language teachers in contrast, stressed certain aspects of grammar but there was no attempt to co-ordinate an approach to language across the curriculum, said a report for the Economic and

Social Research Council.
Professor Martin Hughes,
who co-ordinates the council's education research programme, said there had been
considerable debate about whether grammar should be formally taught or acquired through actually using the language. Their research showed that in practice children were getting very mixed messages in different subperts

Pupils' limited understanding of the grammar of their own language is a seri-ous cause for concern."

Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

Heads balk at

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spite protests when the scheme was mooted a year ago. Ministers have no statutory

power to require head-

teachers to report to the Home Office possible illegal

entrants who try to send their children to school, but the

official "guidance on the ad-

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with the plan provoked a flerce reaction from head-

reachers. 'The job of schools

is to teach children, not chase

up illegal immigrants for

Michael Howard," said the Secondary Heads

The guidance says: "Admis-

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an application on the grounds

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to the Home Secretary.

English teachers were struggling to make sense of unclear policy statements. "Coherent policy-making across the curriculum is badly needed in this area."
Rosamond Mitchell, of

Southampton University, who observed English and foreign lanaguage lessons in three Hampshire comprehensives, said English teachers looked at language from a literary point of view or the style of different types of writing. They were happy with meta-phors and similes but not for-

al grammar. "I was full of admiration for the teachers. They were innovative and worked very hard. It's not their fault nobody has taught them any grammar . . The French teachers we watched were working very hard on grammar."

Dr Mitchell said that a chance to improve grammar teaching was lost four years ago when the Government ve-toed the Language in The National Curriculum project because traditionalists per-suaded ministers that it was a threat to standard English.

The mixed messages pupils received meant their understanding of grammar was not high, said the report. Year 9 pupils, aged 13 to 14, were able to unscramble jumbled texts or baby talk but their ability to explain what they were doing was very limited.



Crowds await the opening of The Quiet Man museum in Cong, County Mayo, where the film was maderhotographs: ALAN REEVELL

Double life of The Quiet Man

David Sharrock Ireland Correspon

OE Mellotte was paid Oscar-winning The Quiet Man in the County Mayo village of Cong.

Forty-four years later, as the village opens a museum to cash in on the film's

was opened.

The building is a replica of the Quiet-o'-Moornin

cion is aroused that an appli-cant may be in the UK with out permission, consideration should be given to telling the Home Office Immigration and Nationality Directorate about those suspicions."
The guidance adds that

"disclosure of information to prevent or detect an offence is from the Department for Edu-ction being sent out this Act 1984. This covers offences under the immigration laws." The check on school admis-

sions is being introduced alongside tighter controls on the payment of social security, access to council housing, free NHS treatment and student awards.

"If, however, during the course of normal admission

procedures, reasonable suspi-

John Sutton, general secretary of the Secondary Heads Association attacked the plan. "We do not think this is a function for schools . . . We do not want to be doing Michael Howard's dirty work for

He predicted that many teachers would not want to get involved in such work. If schools started reporting people based on suspicions and bunches rather than factual information it would stir up tensions and problems which were none of the

schools' business. The National Association of Headteachers and the National Union of Teachers reacted strongly. Gareth James, a senior official, said immigration investigations should be carried out by some other arm of government.

£3 a day as John Wayne's stand-in dur-

ever-increasing fans, the man from the west of Ire-land still claims to be the best double of Hollywood's most famous Western star. "There's no one like me.

I'm one-off."

Mr Mellotte, aged 73, boasted this weekend as a £250,000 "heritage cottage"

home of Sean Thornton (John Wayne) the Irish prize-fighter who made good in the US but came The romantic comedy has

become a firm favourite on

festival. He beat seven other hopefuls to the job of shadowing Mr Wayne. It was 1952 and

another world. Cong was celebrating the arrival of electricity, but when the villagers discovered they would have to pay for it they demanded it be switched off again. Mr Wayne "was a bit ratty because he was off the

beer during filming. But he made up for it a week after and I learned to drink Scotch whisky with him." Gerry Collins, 43, a local businessman who dreamt up the idea of the museum said more and more people were coming to Cong be-cause of the film. "They are known locally as Quiet Man crazies. In the main they are coming from Northern Ireland and the rest of Great Britain and America. But they are also coming from Japan and China especially to see where the film was shot.

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Poor believe honesty is best policy

Stuart Miliar

ONESTY may be an oldfashioned value, but a survey has revealed that integrity is alive and well even among the poor.

In the test, the results of which are published today. wallets containing £30, family photographs, a name and two contact telephone numbers, were dropped in stations, car parks, supermarkets and shopping centres in towns and cities. The sites were monitored to see how people behaved. Of the 80 wallets, 65 per cent were returned.

Residents of Glasgow and Learnington Spa/Warwick

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showed a disappointing tendency to take the money. Just four wallets were returned of which two were picked up by visitors to the city.

Women proved more honest than men. Of 32 women who Leamington Spa/warwice emerged as Britain's most found wallets. 23 manual found wallets. 24 manual found wallets. 25 manual found wallets.

Reader's Digest, also revealed | Warwick test, Beverley An that poverty does not neces-sarily breed dishonesty, and inside a wallet. prosperity is no guarantee of "I didn't think of keeping integrity. Many of the wallets were handed in by people in need of money, while some the wallet because it's not mine. I would feel a huge sense of guilt," she said. But observers watched one who kept the cash were well-

man snatch up a wallet and pocket the cash before enterdressed and seemingly prosperous. ing a building society and withdrawing £200. In Cardiff, a man in his 20s Andrew Pryde, a student in Glasgow, had only £10 to buy food for the week when he picked up a wallet on the gangway of a floating Chrisreturned a wallet. 'It might have had some sentimental value." he said. Peter tian centre in Cardiff Bay. He McLaughlin, an unemployed read the card inside and told Basildon resident, found a wallet outside his local Jobtwo girls with him: "He Centre. "It could have be-longed to someone else unem-ployed," he said. "I know all

doesn't seem to be short of In Liverpool, where six wal-lets were handed in, three about finders keepers, losers fashionably-dressed teenage weepers', but it is not my money and it is not right." girls who found one ran gig-gling into a pub and ordered lager and Southern Comfort. In the Learnington SpaNews in brief

Labour set to back divorce changes

LABOUR is set to support the Government's troubled Family Law Bill at the critical third reading tonight, despite threats last week that it was prepared to add to John Major's week by helping to kill off one of the most contentious pieces of legisla-

neightig to kin on the or the most contentions pieces of legislation in recent history.

Party sources indicated yesterday that Labour was satisfied with the Government's piedge to accept amendments to strengthen aspects relating to domestic violence and the representation of children. The party had also "very strongly taken into account if the views of senior members of the Church of into account" the views of senior members of the Church of England and the Catholic Church, which urged it not to kill off the legislation just to score a political point.

The bill, which will introduce "no fault" divorce after an 18-

month waiting period, has met opposition in the Lords from Tory rightwingers and among some sections of the legal profession. The Government is still resisting a Labour amendment relating to the powers of the Lord Chancellor and another on an early introduction of pension splitting, but the latter will be dealt with in today's debate by the social security minister Oliver Heald

The Women's Aid Federation of England, Victim Support, Refuge and the Domestic Violence Intervention Project will today lobby MPs to demand further strengthening of the bill in

Placebos match painkillers

DUMMY pills are just as effective at ending headaches as real painkillers, it was claimed yesterday after an experiment for a

Two groups of headache-prone individuals were given either paracetamol, aspirin or a placebo without knowing which was which. One group consisted of actors on tour with the noisy musical The Blues Brothers. The other was made up of staff from

a busy office. Both groups — 48 people in all — kept a diary for four weeks, noting when their headaches appeared and stopped, and when they took a pill.

The results, to be shown on BBC1's Watchdog Healthcheck programme tonight, showed a significant number of people reported their pain cured by the placebo tablets, about the same as that from among these who table proposted to the page. as that from among those who took paracetamol, though the placebos took slightly longer to have an effect. Dr Anne MacGregor, director of the City of London Migraine

Clinic, said studies that have looked at chronic daily headache suggested that in 70 per cent of cases the cause was due to the frequent use of painkillers, at least six of which listed headacher

Czechs lead in card theft

THE Czech Republic is one of the worst places in Europe for credit and cash card theft from tourists, according to figures out yeste day. The country did not feature in the 1994 league table of the worst five countries for card thieves, but has risen to second place in the 1995 list, said the card-loss reporting service Card Protec

Spain was the worst, followed by Portugal, Italy and France after the Czech Republic. The capital, Prague, was the fourth in the league of cities in which travellers's cards were most likely to be stolen. Barcelona was the top city for card theft, with Florence second. Madrid third and Moscow fifth.

The company reckoned that from June to September last year more than 200,000 British cards went missing in Spain alone.

70pc want elected mayors

SEVEN in 10 people are in favour of directly elected mayors to lead their councils, but most councilors oppose the idea, academ ics said yesterday. The result will encourage Tony Blair, who is championing the change, at least for big cities, but the Labour leader faces a long struggle with his party's municipal wing over the issue.

Thousands of interviews conducted by a team at Stratholyde

University, Glasgow, in 1994 and 1995, indicate just 16 per cent of councillors back the idea. Among Labour councillors the figure is 11 per cent. More than half the public also want local referendums, another reform being considered by Labour nationally, but most councillors are opposed. The interviewers found similar

public backing (55 per cent) for elected regional government.
The Stratholyde academics interviewed 2,200 members of the public, 780 councillors, 570 members of training and enterprise councils and 335 members of health authorities in England. Scotland and Wales. — James Meikle

Minders 'ignorant' on asthma

CHILDMINDERS and play group leaders have little or no knowledge of how to deal with asthma attacks even though one in seven of the under-fives they care for suffers from the illness, the National Asthma Campaign says today. The charity has carried out a survey of more than 3,000 carers which found 70 per cent had received no asthma care training and a third said they would not

know what to do if a child's asthma symptoms got worse. The National Asthma Campaign is calling for a review of the training given to carers, and has launched a poster giving information about how to deal with an attack. The survey found that most carers wanted training. — Chris Mihill

Lottery rollover

THERE were no winners of this week's £9.4 million National Lottery jackpot, creating a estimated £20 million rollover, Camelot said. The numbers were 13, 18, 25, 44, 46, 47 and the bonus number was 34. Thirteen people win £249,105 each for five num-

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political damage on the White House as President Clinton

First Lady faces cover-up charge

Jonathan Freedland In Washington

ILLARY Clinton faced the gravest accusation levelled against her in the Whitewater affair yesterday when Senate Republicans formally charged that she ordered a cover-up after the death of Vince Foster, the White House lawyer and a

As the Clinton administration confronted deepening scandals on at least three fronts, leaked copies of the senate Whitewater commit tee's final report claimed she played a "pivotal role" in a evidence from federal

In a scathing condemnation, the senators accused

aides to keep officials and police from searching Fos-ter's office in the hours after his suicide in July 1993, fear-ing they would find politically sensitive documents.

In 700 pages, the commit-tee's Republican majority cites "a pattern of conceal-ment and obstruction" by the White House with Mrs Clinton at its centre. Until now Republicans have only implied a guilty role for the First Lady, directing most charges at her subordinates.

But the final report - due alleges that as soon as Mrs death, she moved to ensure papers relating to the Whitewater affair and to the controversial 1993 sackings of White House travel staff

HE Republican presiden-tial candidate, Bob Dole, may drop plans to attack af-firmative action in California. writes Christopher Read in Los Angeles.

For his visit to the state today, Mr Dole's issues do not include opposition to the policy of favourable consideration for ethnic

under wraps, the report says, ordering Maggie Williams, her chief of staff, to search Foster's office that night. Ms Williams was later spotted removing a box of papers, the report adds. Finally, Mrs

Dole may abandon Republican guilty of wrongdoing. The lat-est survey found Mr Clinton's lead over Bob Dole, his Republican rival, slashed from 22 points to six.

During the primary elec-tion campaign, Mr Dole firmly endorsed a proposi-The Clintons will be mired in Whitewater for most of this tion to abolish affirmative week. After formal publica-tion of its report, the Senate committee is likely to recom-The issue has declined in its appeal to Republicans mend criminal prosecutions against key officials accused of lying to protect Mrs Clin-ton in the Foster cover-up. They include Ms Williams, partly because white women have realised how much they have benefited.

susan Thomas es, a close confidante of Mrs Clinton's, and Bernard Nussbaum, Foster's

Today the earlier phase of the Whitewater affair comes under scrutiny in a court in Little Rock, where two Arkanwould not be discovered.

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For the second time. Mr star witness, recording his testimony on videotape. In the first Whitewater trial. concluded last month the original partners in the Whitewater land deal were

convicted of \$3 million fraud. The latest Clinton scandal also deepened yesterday, as secret service officials rebut-ted the White House explanation for its past request of more than 400 secret FBI files

on leading Republicans.
The White House claimed it requested the files by accident, working from an out-of date secret service list detail executive mansion. But the secret service has told Repub

Burundi troops kill 70 in Hutu massacre

AT LEAST 70 Hutu civilians were massacred by Burundian

troops on Thursday, community workers said.

Locals in the hills near the Kaniga River in the north-wes part of Gitsga province have compiled a list of the names of 40 of the dead — who included one member of the Twa ethnic group which they gave to the workers. They said the other victims were new to the area and could not be identified.

An estimated 175 soldiers in six trucks arrived on Kibimbauill armed with automatic weapons and bayonets and began the five-hour slaughter, the locals said.

"A Hutu woman told me how she and her children hid in coffee bushes and watched horrified as the soldiers hunted down their screaming victims, shooting or bayoneting them and throwing their bodies in the river," one of the foreign

community workers said. A senior Burundian military officer said he had not heard of the reported massacre.

Meanwhile, in Rwands, the United Nations reported that 34 local government officials were killed in the first five months of the year. The UN human rights office said 27 deaths were in areas bordering Zaire and Burundi, where Rwanda's Tutal led army is fighting Hutu rebels. — Reuter, Bujumbura and Righti.

Awami League set for power

BANGLADESH'S centrist Awami League, which emerged as the single largest party in last week's election, is poised to take power

The league's prosects brightened at the weekend when the entre-right Jatya Party, which came third in the polls, formally greed to back its effort to form the next government. In a letter to the president, Abdur Rahman Biswas, the Jatya Party wrote: "We urge you to invite the Awam! League to form the government without further delay." President Biswas is expected

Although it has not publicly made its support conditional, the latya Party is known to have reached an understanding with the eegue that, once in power, it would help secure the release of the Jatva chairman, Lieutenant General Hussain Muhammad Ershad, who is serving a 13-year sentence for corruption. The Awami leader, Sheikh Hasina, welcomed the Jatya Party decision but made no formal commitment on General Ershad. "Law will take its own course," she said. — Arshad Mahmud, Dhaha.

Simeon II hints at political role

BULGARIA'S former king, Simeon II, ended a triumphant three-week tour of his country and flew back into exile yesterday, but vowed to return, hinting he may take a higher political profile. Boosted by big crowds and rapturous receptions, the former king told reporters: "God grant that we see each other again very before flying back to his home in Madrid. Supporters have urged him to return after 50 years in exile to lead the country, and possibly run in presidential elections due at the end of the year.

He refused to rule out an elections due at the end of the year.

He refused to rule out an election bid, saying he would carry out

"a deep, mature and fundamental assessment" of the implications
of his visit and urged the country's "political class" to do the
same. In implied criticism of the socialist government yesterday, the former king called for privatisation of state-run firms to be speeded up, and for more active measures to attract foreign investment. — Julian Borger, Sarajevo.

Search for refugee ship fails

A SHIP carrying hundreds of Liberian refugees was missing and possibly in distress yesterday off the West African coast, but bad

weather blocked search efforts. A five-hour aerial search off Ivory Coast and Ghana on Saturday failed to spot the Russian freighter Zolotitsa, which has been at sea for three weeks after sailing from Monrovia

On Saturday, the French aid agency Médecins Sans Frontières-was told that maritime officials had picked up a distress signal from an unidentified Russian boat off the Liberian coast. The Zolotitsa, which has about 450 civilians on board, has been

refused permission to dock by several West African countries. The passengers are believed to be short of water and food, and after 21 days at sea, sanitary and health conditions are feared

Iraq blocks UN inspections

UNITED Nations inspectors left Iraq yesterday after guards barred them from entering sites suspected of containing illegal weapons material. The chief inspector, Nikita Smidovich, said the deadlock was the most serious in five years of inspections. The team was denied access to three sites and allowed only partial entry to a fourth, he said.

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The head of the UN special commission, Rolf Ekeus, will arrive in Bagindad on Wednesday to present the Security Council's demand that inspectors be allowed access to all sites they consider suspicious. — AP, Baghdad.



THE streets of Madras were wash with flood water after rainfall hit southern India

At least 110 people have been killed and thousands

driven from their homes. The dead were spread across three states — Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka — and more than 190 people, mostly fishermen, were reported missing.

"We have already evacuated about 5,000 families from the region. But if the rain continues we might have to remove more," Brahma, the relief commis-sioner in Andhra Pradesh.

The storm, which brought down thousands of telephone and power lines, was moving north towards Puri, a seaside resort in Orissa, but was expected to weaken in inten-sity. — Reuter, Hyderabad.

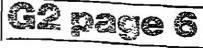
Fans killed as wall collapses

AT LEAST 15 people were feared dead yesterday when a wall collapsed on fans leaving a soccer stadium in the Zambian capital Lusaka, after a match between the national side and Sudan.

Lusaka, after a match between the national side and Sudan.
Hospital sources said many more people had been injured but
exact numbers were not available.
Witnesses said the wall collapsed at the end of the match when
tans surged towards a gate which appeared to be locked. "There
were people pushing to get out, and others pushing to get in, and
the wall just collapsed," said one. — Reuter, Lusaka.



He turns 50 in October and still manages to look like a wholly benign Ben Elton, especially when peering through his little round specs. Cameron Mackintosh profile





One way forward . . . Demonstrating Japanese students snake along a Tokyo street yesterday. More than 500 protested against a nuclear test by China

Likud in crisis as hawk Sharon rejects offer of cabinet post

Shyam Bhatia in Jerusalem

SRAEL'S super-hawk and former defence minister, General Ariel Sharon, has triggered a crisls in the Likud party by turning down the housing and construction portfolio in Binyamin Netanyahu's new government.

The 120 members of Israel's new Knesset (parliament) will Forty are entering parliament for the first time. But last night it was far from clear whether Mr Netanyahu would be able to name the 18 members of his cabinet.

Gen Sharon, aged 70, who put his own ambitions aside to allow Mr Netanyahu a crack at the top job, has told colleagues he will accept only a job that befits his status as an elder statesman of the rightwing Likud.

Last night he told Mr Ne-tanyahu he would accept

him to release a leading human rights activist.

A Palestinian secret mili-tary court on Friday or-critic of the Palestinian

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1982 after a national commis-sion of inquiry held him indirectly responsible for the Sabra and Shatila massacre in which Palestinian refugees

were butchered by Israeli-supported Christian militias. Mr Netanyahu has surprised party colleagues by shrugging off Gen Sharon's tantrum and offering the prestigious finance ministry to the governor of the Bank of israel, Yaakov Frenkel, who has close ties with the out-

going Labour government of Shimon Peres. Three other Likud luminaries have also turned down cabinet jobs that did not come up to their expectations. The three — Dan Meridor, Benny Begin and Moshe Katsav — are often referred to as the "princes" of Likud and could conceivably challenge for the conceivably challenge for the party leadership in future.

The absence of Gen Sharon and the three princes from village of Bidya.

ministries. Gen Sharon lost | the cabinet is an embarrasshas not affected his negotia-tions with coalition partners such as the ultra-orthodox religious parties and Russian immigrants.

Outraged Likud loyalists have been reminded by Mr Netanyahu's aides that he was elected directly by the people and not by the party. His loy-alties are accordingly with the larger national constituency. Likud officials still do not

rule out the possibility of Mr Netanyahu joining hands with Mr Peres to form a national unity government. In such an event the prime minister could dispense with the likes of Gen Sharon, as well as the religious parties.

issues that Mr Netanyahu will have to confront is escalating violence in Gaza and the West Bank. Yesterday an Israeli policeman was shot and killed in the West Bank

aged 40, from the West Bank settlement of Ariel, died after a Palestinian gunman opened fire as he and his wife and their baby son walked into a Palestinian-owned toy shop. Alush's wife was also hit, but was said not to be seri-

ously hurt. The baby was unharmed. The Israeli army imposed a curfew on Bidya, home to 6,000 Palestinians, as troops searched for the killer.

Under the terms of the Israel-PLO agreement, Bidya is part of the rural area in the West Bank, defined as Zone B. where the Israeli army is still responsible for security.

This was the second recent incident of its kind. A week ago armed Palestinians on the

outskirts of Jerusalem opened fire on a car driven by a young Israell couple, killing them instantly. Their seven-month-old baby, strapped to

Critics round on Arafat to secure release of human rights activist

Jessica Berry in Jerusalem

OME of Yasser Arafat's allegadly assaulting a president of the detained for 15 days for allegadly assaulting a police officer while in prison awaiting trial on last month after the drugs charges. Last week he was charged with drug possession, but the drugs charge was not upheld in court. The as-

mission for Human Rights, (PICCR). was also detained

last month after criticising

sault charge has been ridi-culed by the appearance in court alongside Mr Sarraj of the police officer he is accused of attacking. The officer had a bandaged fist.

According to Raji Sourani, Mr Sarraj's lawyer, the new higher education minister. Hanan Ashrawi, has been involved in trying to secure Mr Sarraj's release. Dr Ashrawi, who ac-cepted the ministry on Friday, said that Mr Arafat was "calming down".

A dogged critic of Mr the prosecution's files.

president's self-rule regime, and head of the Pal-estinian Independent Com-Arafat, she said she spent the weekend ordering him to deal with the "excesses show respect for basic human rights. She said her criticism

was prompted by Mr Arafat himself, "Arafat told me." she said, "I should 'put your money where your mouth is. You are always criticising me, and when I ask you, you turn me

Mr Sarraj's release will indicate how much influence is now wielded by Dr Ashrawi, who once held Mr Sarray's post at the PICCR.
Yesterday the high court
in Gaza ordered the general
prosecutor. Khaled al-Kidreh, to give a written response within five days on why Mr Sourani was denied access to his client and

Kurds near death in hunger strike

Owen Bowcoti in Diyarbakir

T LEAST four Kurdish prisoners in Turkey
have lapsed into a coma and scores more are said to be close to death after 50 days on

More than 200 inmates, mostly members of the sepa-ratist Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK), have been refus-ing food for periods of up to seven weeks in protest at con-ditions in the country's jails. Hundreds of others have gone on token hunger strikes at up to 30 prisons.

The culmination of the action has coincided with a sharp escalation in the army's campaign against the PKK. All last week, Turkish troops bombarded villages in northern Iraq alleged to be PKK training camps and dropped paratroopers across the border in "hot pursuit"

Tanks, artillery and armoured personnel carriers could be seen gathering at cound be seen gamering at barracks on the road south this weekend. The route is already congested with thousands of lorries queuing up to trade food for fuel in Zakho, the forward base for the allied alrift into Kurdish areas of

orthern Iraq. Turkey's defeated caretaker government is still grappling with the problem of whether or not to extend the mandate for the United Nations-sanctioned Operation Provide Comfort

Two Turkish air force bases, Incirlik and Pirinclik. In the south, are being used by American, British, French and Turkish aircraft to enforce the no-fly zone which is keeping President Saddam

Hussein's army at bay.

A decision is due by the end of the month, but Turkey is becoming increasingly anxious about the humanitarian operation. fearing the creation of a permanent Kurdish has offered the prisoners full

Tension in the region has also been heightened by a series of bombs in neighbour-

ing Syria. Turkey's military intelligence. MIT, has been blamed for the attacks. The leader of the PKK, Abdullah Ocalan, has lived in Syria for the past decade. As well as using Iraq and Syria for launching attacks on Turkey, the PKK has, along with leftwing paramili-

tary groups, supported the growing hunger strike. The prisoners' list of demands include the resigna-tion of Mehmet Agar, the jus-tice minister and a former chief of police: talks between

an end to torture during in-

terrogation; and the banning

of attacks by informers on de-

tained suspects.

Last Wednesday a delegation of lawyers met the government in the hope of ending the protest but, although they were told some demands could be met, there would be no ministerial resignations The offer is, reportedly, still being considered by the

The hunger strikers, both taking water and some sugar. Last week two men tried to set their clothes alight in jail in Diyarbakir, eastern Tur-key, and 19 of the most seriously ill were transferred to Antep prison.

Sympathy hunger strikes have also been staged by mothers of prisoners. In Diyarbakir, women occupied the officies of a political party. One of the mothers, Meliha Genc, who said her son. Turan. aged 21, had been jailed for distributing leaflets four years ago, was worried

he would die.
There is a PKK ceas she said. "But the Turkish army keeps fighting. We want peace not war, the killing must stop. Our children will

As the world awaits the result of the Russian presidential election, keen observers at polling stations everywhere were struggling to ensure the vote was clean. James Meek in Podolsk reports

Votes cast under cynical eyes of party

tion, it was not going to be because the Communist Party his eyes off it for a moment.

Mr Kuzmaryov had been observing those ballot boxes since they were opened. shown to be empty, and sealed early vesterday morning. He would continue to observe them until they were emptied, the votes were counted and he had a stamped copy of the results.

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Gennady Zyuganov, the Communist challenger in the Russian presidential election. had promised a countrywide army of observers to prevent cheating and in Podolsk, an industrial town south of Moscow, all polling stations had at least one elderly man in a dark suit, watching intently as the democratic process went quietly ahead.

"We're not giving any advice. we're not interfering. We're just watching and that's all," Mr Kuzmaryov said at the polling station in Podolsk's House of Culture. "I will be here continuously. I don't think there will be falsi-

The head of the local administration, Victor Borodkin, stood nearby. He was backing the president, Boris Yeltsin, but there was no sign of tension between two men who — according to Mr Yeltsin's scenario for Russia in the event of a Zynganov victory — would be on opposite sides of the barricades in a

pected a fair election, but not because there were so many Communist Party observers.

"For members of the local election commission, the risks of falsification are too high to run. The idea of mass falsification is hysteria on the part of people who are afraid to lose," he said.

At another polling station in Podolsk the Communist observer, 71-year-old Alexander Roslekov, was joined by Yulia, aged 22 from the lib-eral Yabloko movement of Grigory Yavlinsky.

Once the preliminary count was completed at the polling station, both observers would receive authorised copies of the result sheets, or 'protocols", before the results were taken to the town's central electoral commission with a police escort, to be tallied for the region's total results.

"If the figures don't add up it means there's been a falsification," Yuliz said. Podolsk, a town of about

200,000, is where Moscow's fevered capitalist culture intersects with the conservative "Red Belt" of the hinterland. Its centre buzzes with klosks, markets and shops but its 66 once-proud factories, many linked to the defence sector, have been stricken by the

The town's huge sewing-machine plant, is trying to restore its fortunes by assem-bling a new model from Ger-

The town voted heavily in favour of the Communist Party in the parliamentary elections last December. In

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Serbs were sorting into

groups for either execution or

dispatch to camps - men to

Mrs Klipic said Mr Tadic

her husband or two brothers

since that time. Her brothers

though the local authorities are technically pro-Yeltsin. they have the support of local Communists who believe they are being forced to toe the Kremlin line.
While the Communists

feared cheating by the Yeltsin camp, Yabloko supporters said the town was controlled by Mr Zyuganov's people. "This is a communist town," said Tamara Soldatkina, who "We put up our posters of Yavlinsky and by the same evening they've been torn

down."
Yabloko activist Victor Sosinkov, a 50-year-old retired army officer, said local elec-tion officials — selected by Communist-dominated local councils — were 80 per cent pro-Communist and that all Yabloko volunteers had been deliberately excluded.

To show how an election official might rig the voting. my own block of flats. Suppose I know that 30 of them aren't going to be around on a business trip, they're sick. I simply take the appropriate number of ballot papers, fill them in and pur them in the ballot box." According to Mr Sosinkov however, the presence of ob-servers would help to prevent

there weren't any, the viola-tions would be massive. But if comeone has a clear enough intention to cheat, they can

worse fraud.



Wine-growers drink to a good year at French vintage festival

Paul Webster in Bordeaux joins the experts and VIPs at a château gathering to predict the quality of the '96 harvest

when you open the eran cellarmen was enough to bring lunchtime convergence in about sation to a halt, even at the three years from now, bear the following scene in mind from the weekend gather-ing of regional wine-grow-ers summoned to predict the quality of this year's

From the great front doors of an elegant man-sion in the Haut Médoc near the Atlantic, scores of sommeliers in aprons, waist-coats and white shirts poured on to the lawns in 27C, each bearing jeroboams containing the equivalent of eight bottles of

Château Lanessan 1975. This was the most solemn moment of the annual Fête de la Fleur, when bringing out the old also rang in the new. Flushed with liquid nories of an exceptional year, experts representing the region's 14,000 winegrowers gave a promising verdict on the fresh buds 100 days will be harvested

lear fall-out.

the home of Hubert Bou-teiller, chairman of Bordeaux's inter-professional council, the CIVB, that unites growers and dealers in a 700-million bottle in-

tion of seven other vintages before, during and after a celebration luncheon, some growers were drowning their sorrows. Nuclear test protests have cost Bor-deaux about £24 million in lost orders, while older winemakers recalled that when the moveable festival was last held at the château 40 years ago, a dismal crop

Apart from resorting to | laboratory-like classroom the comfort of its own product to chase away such Bordeaux has become iningly deft at develor ing rimals, esotericism and ceremony to defy drought, frost, hailstorms and nu-

The weekend gathering opened with the enthroning of new members of the mmanderie du Bontemps de Médoc et des Graves, a

Nuclear test protests have cost Bordeaux about £24 million in lost orders

45-year-old chivalrous order in which commanders, in academic-style robes, bestow medals on anyone ready to defend Bordeaux's supremacy.

The pseudo-religious ritual held in the Lanessan vineyards was part of a complex esoteric code that puts most cults to shame. A select few guests had spent the previous day being offered the cypher key in a

Dealer finds Joan of Arc's armour'

There a lecturer warned

that they would not get the best out of the glass until

they could detect 1,200 po-

tential aromas — from

burnt caramel to cat's pee --

catalogued by a famous Bor-

deaux "nose" in the 1980s. Drinkers ready to pay

£300 for a similar initiation

can then decant what

sounds like pretentions

mumbo-jumbo to the unbe-

liever - or just take the ad-

vice of Nicholas Faith, Brit-

ish editorial director of

L'Amateur de Bordeaux, on

how to recognise a good wine. "Watch bow many

glasses I drink," he said, at-

tacking the 1975 jeroboam.

tiny would-be grapes. He

setting ideal conditions for

"If it rains a little soon.

news for growers, but not necessarily for drinkers.

Hopes of a great vintage

after last year's perfect

summer sent prices up by

But there was no need for a codebook to understand Pascal Vincent, the château's chief grower, as he examined the stems of

Alex Duval Smith in Paris

Adealer claims to have dis-covered the complete armour she was captured piegne in 1430.

Pierre de Souzy claims that the armour — bought from a family which acquired it in Britain in the late 18th century - fits his daughter, aged 14, and features dents and repairs which correspond to documented war wounds suffered by Joan of Arc.

While historians remain cautious — pointing out at east four women attempted to pass for Joan of Arc during her lifetime — they confirmed that the armour dates from the 15th century. One expert, Régine Per-

noud, told the Journal du Dimanche that the 5st armour could be that which was commissioned by Charles VII for had rarely seen such uni-formity in blossom growth, cording to legend, was told in a vision to free France from

a big crop and a short the Duke of Burgundy.

harvest. French historians say details of Joan of Arc's scars are then this will be an excep-tional year," he said. Good ture in 1430, Anne of Burgundy examined the 19-year-old prisoner to ascertain whether she was a virgin or a witch. Joan of Arc was eventually judged a heretic and burnt at the stake.

Tadic 'murdered former friend'

Ed Vulliamy in The Hague

ing in an orchard in Kozarac. He said he had seen Mr Ta-BOSNIA'S war crimes dic take two men out of a group of five Muslim police officers from the village and OSNIA'S war crimes vivors of the infamous Serger. "Blood gushed out every-where, and there was sudbian Omarska concentration camp gather in The Hague to denly a terrible firing — I don't know why, in celebrasee if they can identify the accused — Dusko Tadic — as one of the killers and torturtion I suppose.' ers who allegedly patrolled the camp.

dic in court, and this was an especially chilling moment. When Mr Seferovic gestured towards the dock, Mr Tadic The hearings resume tomorrow. The last session, on Friday, included the first open-court description of conditions in the camp, and the first eyewitness account of murders allegedly committed by Mr Tadic - two Muslims having their throats cut.

Nihad Seferovic told the court he had played with Mr Tadic as a child, and later helped him build his cafe. He described being taken to Omarska after several days on the run from the shelling of his town. Kozarac. He said he arrived at the camp in late May 1992, almost unconscious from heatings. He remained a prisoner until Omarska was hastily closed on August 6.

Asked by the court to lift the roof of a model of the incarcerated, Mr Seferovic said. "I don't need to lift it. I was right below the roof on the upper floor." He asked the judges: "Do you know how a tin roof hots up in summer?" There was no water and lit-

tle or no food, Mr Seferovic said. Men were taken out nightly and beaten — "superhuman screams and curses" were audible throughout the vast hangar of what had been

Most would never return. he said "Their places would be filled by other men." But those that did return, Mr Seferovic said, could not speak and were "the same

colour as your robes" -

bright scarlet. "Somehow, I Omarska or Kereterm, women survived," he said. and children to Trnopolie.cw0 One night, Mr Seferovic told the tribunal: "The yelling was so loud that everyone fell was one of those patrolling the column in a police car, and later — automatic rifle in completely silent for two days afterwards." Among those hand - sorting civilians into who disappeared that night their camp groups.

Mrs Klipic's testimony was was a friend called Emir Karabasic, whom the witness identified as also being a particularly close friend of Mr Tadic. On the indictment, Mr

Tadic is accused of murdering Mr Kevehesic that night.

Breakaway new regime announced by Croats

Julian Borger in Sarajevo

BOSNIAN Croat hardliners announced the formation of a new separatist govern-ment at the weekend, in defiance of international efforts to unite the country's Croats and Muslims under the umbrella of a single Federation.

The announcement, broad cast from the city of Mostar, equalled an assertion of inde-pendence by "Herzeg-Bosna", an unrecognised "statelet" within Bosnia formed by Croat nationalists during their 1993 revolt against the

returned his gaze, cocking one eyebrow and throwing a defiant smirk at his old friend. Muslim-led government.
The Bosnian prime minis-Azra Blazevic had known: ter, Hasan Muratovic, denonnced the breakaway Crost Mr Tadic as a neighbour and seen him directing groups of Serbian soldiers after Muslim regime yesterday as illegal, but acknowledged that it concivilians surrendered to their bombardment of Kozarac. tinued to operate as a state within a state.

In March Croat leaders

good acquaintance of Mr Taagreed to dissolve Herzeg-Bosna and the government consented to transfer power from Muslim-dominated institutions to new power-sharing Federal ministries. Neither has kept to the agreement. Since the Federation was launched in March 1994

under United States auspices, ioint institutions have been formed and promoted by the West, but real power remains in the two nationalist camps. The Herzeg-Bosna government never ceased to function, and the naming of a new cabinet is a deflant gesture, both in its timing and in the choice of ministers.

A militant Croat separatist, Pero Markovic, has been named "prime minister", but Muslim leaders in Sarajevo were more concerned that Vladimir Soljic would conerns and cafes. But she last tinue as "defence minister".

Mr Soljic is officially the Federation's defence minister, but his parallel involvement in Herzeg-Bosna raises questions about his commitment to forming a joint Mus-Iim-Croat army. Muslim and Croat leaders

were due to agree on a defence law last week which would pave the way for a military merger, but talks broke down over who would have overall control. Their collapse infuriated Washington, which markedly spirited, but sud-denly broken by tears when denly broken by tears when port to the Federation the was asked if she had seen the defence law is passed.

The hardline Croat stance raises questions about the political union, if necessary to the attitude of others to Mr Seferovic told the court | had both been dispatched to | feasibility of elections in Mostar, scheduled for June 30.

VIP table where Pierre Tru-

as wine grapes. The silent invasion of vetdeau, the former Canadian prime minister, was recounting his gourmet ex-periences at G7 meetings to Alain Juppe, mayor of Bordeaux and the French prime minister. Château Lanessan was

dustry earning France about £1.5 billion a year. Amid general hilarity

Ministers battle to save summit from BSE row

John Palmer in Rome

UROPEAN UNION foreign ministers gather in Rome today for what looks like a doomed last attempt to prevent the BSE row turning into a full-scale confrontation between John Major and his fellow EU leaders at this week's summit in

EU governments are not satisfied with plans put forward by London for the eradication of BSE, and a framework agreement on the phased lifting of the beef ban is unlikely before the summit. If there is no agreement, the prime minister has threatened to paralyse the summit - which has been called to discuss progress to a single currency and the planned review of the Maastricht

treaty. Jacques Santer, the president of the European Commission, warned on Saturday: "Our heads of state and government will not allow themselves to be cornered." Meanwhile the beef conflict is strengthening the resolve of Britain's EU partners to find ways of moving to closer

eport about possible changes to the Maastricht treaty which could lead to Britain being marginalised in decision-making. Almost all the other 14 member states are ready to pool sovereignty on security policy.

Even the governments which have shown most sym-pathy for Mr Major's predicament over beef and his problems with Eurosceptic MPs now despair of reaching a long-term agreement on the future of Europe. Italy has had to withdraw invitations to a number of Latin American governments to sign a cooperation declaration with the EU in Florence on Friday, fearing that the whole deal could be vetoed at the last

minute by Mr Major. "The cancellation of the invitation to the Andean Pact countries is extremely embarrassing for the European Union," one Commission off)cial said. "There have been more than 70 British blocking decisions in the last few weeks on matters nothing to do with beef. I really wonder if the authorities in London understand what this is doing

without Britain. The Rome Britain's role in Europe?"

ernment are determined to deny Mr Major an outright propaganda victory. The most they will agree to is a general promise — without a time-table or guarantees — to consider a step-by-step removal issues including foreign and of the beef ban as Britain proves it is making progress in eliminating BSE. They also want some 20,000 extra sus-

pect cattle culled. The British government is under enormous pressure to call off its attempt to paralyse EU decision-making. The last chance for a face-saving compromise on a framework agreement to lift the beef ban may depend on the Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind ending Britain's non-coopera-

tion campaign in Rome.

However, Mr Rifkind insisted last week that without an acceptable framework agreement on beef, the Florence summit would itself fall victim to the British scorched earth policy: "If the [beef] matter has not been resolved by the Florence summit, then inevitably, it will be the dominant issue for the summit."

The failure on Friday of the influential EU vets committee to approve Britain's draft framework for a five-stage lifting of the ban makes a commeeting will hear a progress | The other EU heads of gov- promise today even less likely.

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Violence beyond belief Sinn Fein's credibility shattered

IRA BOMBS are political acts and a serious attempt

must always be made to examine them as such, especially by those of us for whom such forms of political violence are tactics beyond belief. This applies just as much to the bomb that went off in central Manchester on Saturday morning, injuring 200 wholly innocent people, as to any of its predecessors. But how, even trying to put all indignation aside, are we to interpret this largest bomb ever to be detonated on the British mainland as anything other than the deliberate burial of the 1993-96 Northern Ireland peace process?

The bomb in Manchester (a city full of Irish connec tions) is a classic republican statement. It was a reassertion that the "armed struggle" (against Saturday shoppers and their children?) continues to be absolutely central to republican strategy. Whether that messa was intended for the IRA itself or for the British government is academic. The IRA may indeed intend such bombings to reassure its "volunteers" that theirs is a movement which ultimately subsists upon the cult of blood sacrifice. It may also intend the British government to understand that it will not be able to guarantee security to its own citizens for as long as Northern Ireland remains part of the United Kingdom. But the principal message is that the republican movement has not renounced the use of violence and never will.

It is also a broader reminder that the IRA is a law unto itself. In this sense the bombing is exactly parallel to the murder of Garda detective Jerry McCabe in County Limerick 10 days ago. Hours before the bomb went off in Manchester, the IRA finally admitted what it had denied for the previous eight days, that a seven-man IRA team had killed Det McCabe during an unsuccessful post office van robbery. Det McCabe was Irish and the weekend's injured Mancunians were mainly British, but they are all victims of an organisa-tion which operates to its own rules, outside the laws of all countries, not just those of the "occupying" British. On one level the IRA may exist to liberate Ireland from the hated Brits. On another it exists, like Bonnie and Clyde, to rob banks and kill people.

Yet the Manchester bomb is presumably also an act with intended political consequences. There is much speculation at the moment that republican strategists were impressed by the speed with which the Canary Wharf bomb in February was followed by an announcement of all-party talks for June 10. By that analogy, the Manchester bomb may also be intended to be both an expression of displeasure at Sinn Fein's exclusion from the talks and a means of focusing attention (particularly of the British government, which is axiomatically always the villain in republican eyes) on the desirability of getting them into the process that started a week

ago this morning. If so, it is hard to see that happening, not least because the two situations are very different. The British government mishandled events in January, especially around the release of the Mitchell Report. and its delaying tactics forfeited its credibility and allies. When the Canary Wharf bomb exploded, there was a genuine sense in which British tactics had contributed to the end of the ceasefire, even if the failure did not excuse it. None of that is remotely true today. The British government is not isolated; indeed it is more solidly aligned with the Irish government, the Northern Ireland parties and international opinion than at any stage in the process. Nobody outside the immediate republican movement holds John Major even partially responsible for the Manchester bombing. Nor, after Manchester, is there any discernible feeling in this country that the ball is in Mr Major's court.

Yet supposing that it was, with whom should Mr Major deal? With Gerry Adams? Even with the best will in the world, this is not credible at the moment. A lot of people have stuck their necks out on behalf of Gerry Adams, from Bill Clinton down to the Northern Ireland people who took the slogan A Vote For Sinn Fein Is A Vote For Peace at face value less than three weeks ago. The Manchester bomb has made those sometimes wellintentioned and occasionally brave folk look stupid. The ending of the ceasefire in February and the renewal of the bombing campaign this weekend mean that Mr Adams's word is practically worthless. At the end of last week, Mr Adams denounced the killing of Det McCabe as "totally and absolutely wrong" and indignantly attacked those who sought to link the killing to Sinn Fein. Two days later, the IRA admitted responsibility. Did Mr Adams therefore condemn the IRA as totally and absolutely wrong? Was that a pig flying past the

Take another, even more important, example. Four weeks ago, Mr Adams confirmed that Sinn Fein was fully signed up for the "Mitchell principles" and was therefore available for all-party talks. Yet those princi-ples include the endorsement of exclusively peaceful means of resolving issues, the renunciation of force and the opposition to its use by others, not to mention the disarmament of paramilitary organisations and the end to violent punishments. If being "signed up" to those principles means anything at all, it must mean the direct denunciation of the Manchester bomb and of the organisation which exploded it. Mr Adams will not and cannot do that. That is why Sinn Fein could not possibly be allowed into the talks without an IRA

Some observers speculate that the bombing in Manchester will shortly be followed by an announcement of a ceasefire. If so, that will no longer be enough to allow Sinn Fein immediate entry into talks. Michael Howard was right, for once, to say that the real world is not like that. If there had been no Manchester bombing it would have been a different matter. In that case, those who argued that there was still a ceasefire in Ulster and that there had been a *de fucto* cessation in Britain since April would have had a right to be listened to with respect. The breaching of the ceasefire in February and March could have been treated as an aberration. But the Manchester bombing shows it was not an aberration but an upfront continuing tactic. How can anyone. whether disposed in favour of Irish nationalism, let alone against it, rely on a word that Sinn Fein now says? There is no evidence that they can deliver for peace, and plenty of evidence that they intend to continue with war. Unless and until that changes, there is no point in talking to them in the current process. Sadly, we could be waiting a long time. If so, let it be clear that on this occasion the delay is not our government's fault.



Letters to the Editor

Would you believe it, they do

HAT I cannot under-stand about Catherine Bennett's article (Would you believe it? June 14) is why my belief system is subject to so much hostility in comparison to most others.
There is no more scientific proof of the beliefs behind Christianity than astrology but Christians do not have to read articles which categorise them as naive, desperate and foolish. They do not have words like "bokum" and "misleading tosh" applied to what they believe in.

Bennett sets science and spiritual beliefs (superstition to you) against one another. Yet there is no need for them to be in competition, no more than conventional medicine is always in conflict with comnentary medicine.

To quote Hitler was disingenuous. It should be obvious that there are good scientists and evil scientists. There are and evil scientists. There are good astrologers and evil astrologers. There are good people and evil people. To even hint that a belief in what is beyond scientific proof is evil is pretty evil in itself.

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Sex blight

neer of altruistic concern bandled about by the BMA et al in regard to alternative therapies she might see that it is really just another industry — no different, say, to an oil company or the Conservative Party — attempting to protect its interests.

and other similar bodies around the globe have softened their stance on these therapies is that, in the age of HIV/Aids, the notions of having control over one's course of treatment, and of emotional well-being in the face of termi-nal illness, are not comple-mentary but concomitant.

Consumer demand may have aided this change, but it has also been the catalyst for rigorous investigation into areas of medicine which have not been traditionally One more question Ms Bennett: what kind of a world will

it be when there are no more mysteries; when every cell, every spark of mental activity has been laid out for clinical inspection? Tony Magnusson. 107d Grosvenor Avenue, London N5 2NL.

F CATHERINE Bennett | NCREASING acceptance | ture which Ms Benneti, like looked beneath the thin ve | within mainstream medi | all critics of astrology, will not cine of systems like homeopathy or acupunture was not brought about by "consumer demand, rather than new evi-dence". Hundreds of trials have been carried out and papers published in scientific journals and the results have been impressive. A Dutch study of 107 clinical trials of homospathy published in the BMJ in 1991 found that 81 pro-

> from superstition.
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duced positive results. Not conclusive, perhaps, but far

CATHERINE Bennett. in her list of charges against critics of superstitious prac-tices, omits the most serious one. It is their refusal to study the practice. It displays ignorance to insist that astrologers believe we are "determined" by the planets (they don't); ignorance to treat newspaper horoscopes as serious astrol-ogy (they aren't); and igno-rance to assert that "we awali evidence that [Uranus, Neptune and Pluto have any in-fluence on human conduct."

study. That's not rationality that's prejudice.

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CATHERINE Bennett doesn't understand that human beings have non-ratio nal (not the same as irratio-nal) and non-materialistic needs, which they fill as well as they can. And if many of their choices appear daft, that doesn't invalidate their need for something meaningful be-youd the tangible trivia of daily life. Beata Bishop.

27 Waldeck Road

CATHERINE Bennett de-plores the fact that unscrupulous" practitioners of alternative medicine raise "false hopes" in the terminally sick. Does she mean to suggest that conventional practitioners raise "true hopes" or should the termi-nally sick just be sensible and live out their time in a state of rational despair? Robin J Dow. 9 Sycamore Close

There is plenty in the litera- Audlem, Cheshire CW3 OEZ.

F PARENTS should forget

"dire health warnings" to persuade their children to

stop smoking (June 12), what can we do instead?

My two teenage children are, for the most part, intelli-

gent, well-balanced, well-edu-cated and rational young adults. They are socially

aware and behave in a respon-sible way in many situations.

Yet they seem to have no grasp of reality when it comes to smoking.

I have tried every tactic I can think of. First, I tried to keep calm. No effect. I spoke to them sensibly. No effect. I ranted and raved and condemned them No effect. I said

demned them. No effect, I said they smelt like old ash trays.

No effect. I said they were ma-

nipulated by advertising and

peer pressure. No they

Nicoteenies

More on that passionate affair between lovers and the law

ANITA RODDICK (Better | favourable to unmarried wed than dead, June 14) | women and appears to work mistakenly believes that un-married women are hampered by the legal system when evicting male partners. They can, in fact, easily be rid of inconvenient cohabitees (abusive or otherwise) without recourse to law.

The magic mantra is "domestic violence". A mere sug-gestion is likely to be enough. man is now accepted as a manifestation of guilt by Women's Aid, who offer temporary accommodation and assist with local authority housing. Applicants are advised to surrender joint tenancies (creating a vacancy by evicting the man) in exchange

or "new" homes. Confidentiality is assured. Neither police nor court needs be involved and evidence is not necessarily required. The onus is on the local authority to disprove claims of violence while promising not to contact the accused. The man has no right of defence or appeal and is not given details of any alle-gations. He is prevented from accessing documents by the Data Protection Act.

women and appears to work well in London, where it is generously funded by the taxpayer.
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Manual Torkstor Comments

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RATHER than tinker with the ending of the discernaoly defunct marriage contract (Letters, June 14), the legal profession would be better engaged in drawing up a new marriage contract — one which had some relevance to reality and expectations. The most obvious reform would-place the marriage licence on or road vehicle licence.

Divorce proceedings are a Surely no one argues that the existence of divorce enhances the status and stability of marriage. The only thing it can do for children is to make them wary of marriage. Which is presumably why people now seem to prefer to cohabit, rather than marry. Edwin E Wilkes. 10 Chichester Court.

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A Country Diary

This system is extremely

tal challenges facing this mountain country. As far as the pre-monsoon haze permitted we could see range after range of hills denuded of tree cover. Since the beginning of this century, Nepal's expanding population (currently about 18 million) has been obliged to clear and terrace ever more of the steep slopes that were once blanketed in forest. The mountain areas between altitudes of 2,500-8,000 feet hold almost half the people and have been most closed in upon us in a near-

SYABRU, NEPAL: To stand on | physical embrace and we felt the southernmost edge of the the suffocating richness of its Langtang National Park, the largest protected area in Nepal, is to be given a compelling lesson in the environmental part of the suffocating richness of its vegetation. Classified as moist deciduous, it had that magical damp odour of rainforest, and ling lesson in the environmental part of the suffocating richness of its vegetation. Classified as moist deciduous, it had that magical damp odour of rainforest, and ling lesson in the environmental park. any 19th century explorer would have called it jungle. Vines and creepers snaked through the understorey and blossomed overhead in a vi-brant, jostling canopy of green. Occasionally, sunlight broke through this false ceiling and gathered in sparkling pools, while elsewhere it seemed as dark as nightfall. Birds maintained a tempting sub-tropical chatter but sel-dom revealed themselves. Although we were over 6,000 feet up, the air had an almost tangible consistency as if we severely deforested. Yet just north of this altitudinal belt, less tunnel of cobwebs. I was in the heart of the Langtang amused how our Nepali park, we were fortunate to encounter some of the country's last virgin forests. One of these, near the village of Syabru, is one of the most magnificent and atmospheric live. bru, is one of the most magnificent and atmospheric I've ever seen. The vertical slopes closed in upon us in a near-

WHERE do paedophiliacs come from (Letters, June 12)? Until we answer that question, sending them to prison will solve nothing.

In my experience, paedophi-lic tendencies develop in men — it is nearly always men who grow up lacking the emotional/sexual maturity neces sary for developing reciprocal relationships with women. They sense women as a threat to their self-esteem. Their sex drive then becomes misdi-rected to various forms of titil-

lation with young boys.

The antidote to this malfunctioning is an accepting and comprehensive sex educa-tion for adolescent boys in both home and school. As yet, this does not reliably take place owing to persisting nervousness about sex among the young in our post-prudish society. This omission is what has to be put right if Britain is ever to shake off this ugly



Slough, that sceptre'd isle

instance, however, the pretext is flawed. Far from demonstrating that people feel alien-ated, the 1994 Mori survey discovered that 57 per cent felt attached to Slough. This was the highest rating of any town in Berkshire and a far more convincing feeling of commu-nity attachment than in, say, blight within society.

(Dr.) James Remming.

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The distribution and the state of the state

NOCKING Slough is an as their housing estate. These findings surely strengthen the case for truly local governmire, June 13). In this ment with a detailed knowlfindings surely strengthen the case for truly local govern-ment with a detailed knowl-

edge of the area.
Our own research demonstrates that the majority of people who live in Slough take a real pride in it, alongside a realistic acknowledgement of its image problem. Lazy jour-nalism is one of the roots of that problem. Cheryl Coppell Slough Borough Council. Town Hall, Bath Road,

weren't I said they were pour-ing money into the Conserva-tive government. No effect I can't think what else to try. C Black. Highdown House, Bishops Tachbrook,

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et's wear our national dress with pride

Endpiece

Roy Hattersley

AST week, watching the opening ceremony of the European Foot-ball Championship, I had one of my rare political ideas. The massed bands had formed up in front of the royal box in preparation for the national anthems of the teams England and Switzerland whose match kicked off the tournament and the two petite the singing, were walking daintily across the sacred turf to their positions between the drum majors. One young lady wore a little black number that I thought more appropri-ate to a late-night cabaret act. The other was standard in a dirndl with coloured panels, which obviously represented the regions of her homeland. It was, I assumed, the sort of

thing that the peasant women of Switzerland had worn since the days of William Teil. Yet

dress.
What I had in mind was not one of those comic outfits which exhibitionist idiots put on for the last night of the Proms. England deserves something more dignified than a John Bull waistcoat or the brass helmet which Britannia stole from a Victorian fireman. What we needed, I decided, was an evocation of what we wore during the mo-ments of our historic

My reluctance to risk the ridiculous would, I realised, limit the English costume to women. For at times of eco-nomic and imperial expan-sion, the Englishmen who ruled the world always looked absurd in doublet and hose or glant top hats that must have been inspired by the steam locomotives that we invented. But better a skirt than nothing. Certainly better than a cocktail dress.

I determined to suggest that the promise of a national dress competition be included in Labour's next election the English identity was being asserted by something out of a Bond Street shop window. The south of the Scottish border. at continuing poverty and in-

time had come, I decided, for us to acquire official national had assumed made hearts beat faster in every canton, began in many manner. faster in every canton, began to sing God Save the Queen and I became again a reticent patriot too secure in my Eng-lishness to feel the need to

make a fuss about it. I hope the feeling was contagious. For I am beginning to fear that the instinct for quiet superiority, which once made Englishmen intolerable as well as invincible, is a thing of the past. When I read tabloid headlines attacking the French and Germans, I realise that they are primarily moti-vated by the zeal to sell newspapers. But, assuming that the editors are not completely

barmy — a working hypothe-sis necessary for the development of my argument — we must accept that being rude to the frogs and huns attracts It may be that the attraction is built on the joy of bullying what we still regard as weak and feeble nations. But I doubt it. The politics of envy, about which we hear so much from

the Tory press, is not the ex-

pression of proper resentment

justice. It is the prejudice to which the chauvinistic head-

terial ways, ahead of us. All the manifestations of nationalism — including, heaven help us, Geoffrey Boycott proclaiming on television his refusal to become European — are the cries of a profoundly disappointed people. When I hear the aggressive

talk about refusing to become subservient to Brussels and Frankfurt, I recall one of the popular sayings of my York-shire boyhood. "If you can't light, wear a big hat." And the big hat is so unnec-

essary. For what ought to make English men and women love England is, al-though not indestructable, not yet destroyed. It has very little to do with power and the abil-ity to punch above our weight at international meetings. Nor is it directly concerned with the arcadian fantasy which I sometimes fear lies at the sen-timental heart of my own patriotism.

These days I spend my weekends in Derbyshire, interrupting my idyll with a Sat-

off from a village green, commarket cross, and drive past Chatsworth and Haddon Hall I come back to the pub and the post office by the alternative route via Hardwick, and I think of Robert Dudley. Thomas Tallis and Amy Robsart. In between, I have visited what the road signs describe what the road signs describe as "Shakespeare's country"— though Sparkbrook is not the sort of place about which the exiled John of Gaunt once dreamed and Falstaff babbled on his deathbed.

The England that I want to

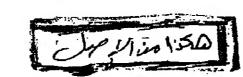
see — indeed the England into which I once believed myself to have been born — is a country that makes the inner cities as pleasant, if not as green, as the Peak park. It is a country whose government —
to paraphrase G K Chesterton
— speaks for the people who have not spoken yet.

The poor — increasingly disenfranchised by the new alignment of political parties - are part of England too. So are the descendants of the Commonwealth immigrants who came here more than two urday morning visit to my generations ago. The England central Birmingham constituthat I want to see will be a ency. At half past seven, I set | land of more hope and less

glory — and the hope will be increased for the families below the poverty line, and the young men who are dented jobs because racial discrimi-nation still stalks the land like a dragon waiting for St George to cut its throat.

Believing that this country has a passion to help the dis-advantaged and dispossessed is one of the reasons that I am proud of being English. That passion is temporarily dor-mant but true patriots will try to awaken it for romantic though the idea well may be, part of what we were once taught about England was its natural capacity for compassion.
I increasingly believe that

I increasingly believe that the other sort of patriotism— colour trooping, honours awarding, anthem singing and nationality proclaimed— obscure the faults in our society which real patriots want to eliminate. I shall, on reflection, not suggest that reflection, not suggest that the Labour Party includes the promise of a national costume competition in its manifesto but that it guarantees an increase in incomé support and tougher opposition to racial discrimination



Thirt/thousand people died her during the 15 month lege in 1993/4, and many are buried in mass graves in the town's square. Otherswere buried in their family pardens. People survived in under-

ground bunkers on govern-ment firthops and whatever food could be brought from the fields by those brave and desperate enough to cross minefelds and Unita lines at night On every street today you se the price paid: men, women, children swinging alons on crutches, a foot or a leg lest to mines. No town in the world has so many ampu-teessays Fitz, artificial limb expert from the Red Cross, which last week reopened its centre for making polypro-pylate limbs. They had 1,000 names on the waiting list be-

for the first day. The Red Cross official who flew into Cuito to assess the damage to the organisation's cestre was the man who had built it. He cried when he saw the heap of rubble. Like many of the 40,000 survivors, he had to re-build from scratch.

Forty new legs a month is the initial goal. Watching the first two patients practising walking on their new limbs. Fitz points to the very worn tennis shoes of one of them: "That's a real problem we can only do legs for people who have a pair of shoes, and most people here do not." Nost people in Cuito have litfie chance of buying a pair of shoes — all resources have gone into building a home. And almost every family lost many of its working members in the siege and is caring for orphans. Grief is smothered by exhaustion.

The threat of mine accidents still keeps Cuito's people off much of their land and few are producing more than subsistence food. Rocketing inflation has put salt, sugar, oil or soap out of reach of most. Apart from those with someone in the family who works for foreigners, few can buy such luxuries.

Across the courtyard from tite Red Cross is another sign
of a town stretched beyond ns strength: a new emergency clinic for malnour-ished babies, run by Belgian 150 children with marasmus and kwashiorkor lie on straw matting with their mothers. They have come from Cuito or the Unita-conprolled bush around the city over the last three months. Another 100 seriously ill children lie two to a bed inside the hospital. One Angolan doctor works with eight young Belgian doctors and nurses. The rebuilding of the hospital is being paid for by MSF; they supply all drugs.

WO DOZEN young for eigners dominate Cub.
Most cars in town fly
the flags of the Red Cross. MSF, World Food Programme, Save the Childre. Unicef, Concern, Halo Trst. Daily flights from Luand by a WFP plane, electricity en-erators and water reservirs give them resources beyind the dreams of the rest office

town. Darkness falls suddely in Angola's Central Highinds and Cuito becomes a sint town lit only by occasinal car headlights, usuallof an aid agency or the Bratian UN troops quartered ite miles out in the destryed little town of Cunj. Insie the house of Halo Trust, he British de mining charit, three young soldiers frombe UN's de-mining team plawideo games. Mines from cery con-tinent are stacked ang the bookshelves, pictus of vic-tims among them, bul Hes-lop, from Yorkshin comes in with an armful of times and shells taken out of garden in haif an hour. "I fin more hare in a morninghan I did in a year in Mozapique." Halo has found I different kinds of mine in (iito, and identified 165 mirfields just

in the 15 per cent (the province accessible byhe three roads partly reomed. Beyond this small slip lies Unita control. Narry footpaths disappear in highink-brown grass anchick bush to the world runs those who destroyed Cuito



Cartes can give you a pain in the head

Commentary

Mark Lawson

UCH publicy was given last vek to the Paradis Syn-drome: a codition in which the sufferer—the pop star Dave Stewt has come out as one such - are so professionally and merially successful that thy constantly imagine therelves to be afflicted with selons illness. But there vas good news for sufferer from what we might call he Panadol Syndrome, a cadition suf-fered by millias of over-worked and defridden Britons who frequently experience vale and often imaginary pair in their head and limbs and vill down pro-prietary paintiers to ease them. The surfmarket chain Asda is fightif a legal battle to sell paintiers at around half the pricipleir manufac-turers wouldlike to charge for them

for them. Since 196 resale price maintenanc(RPM) — better-known as a irtel — has been permitted iBritain only on books anomedicines. In recent year the publishing cartel has been partly dis-

novel but found that to do so gave them a headache. Now, if Asda has its way, you will be able to pick up both your Amis and your Anadin at cutprice rates.
As defenders of the Net

Book Agreement discovered, arguments in defence of arti-ficially high pricing find few ideological buyers. The only plausible one is variety of retail outlets: the small specialist shop rather than the impersonal and omniverous chain. The Community Pharmacists Action Group representing the high street chemists— is already advancing this view against Asda. The big pharmaceuticals companies, who fix the

cas companies, who ha the prices, will insist that a part of their massive mark-up—which is matched only by lux-ury goods such as status cars and clothes—is justified in part by the industry's companies. mitment to research and Proper testing of products.
Yet the pharmaceuticals cartel seems to me more easily defensible than most morally if not economically. The inevitable effect of price reduction is to increase con sumption But is it a sensible idea to naximise intake of painkillers? I understand that Anadin is not priced at £1.86 a packet for these altruistic medical reasons — no more than we should believe the

local cinema which once

doubled the price of the tick-

ets for a notoriously sexually

people who were willing to serious cineastes attended — struggle with the modern but the effect of the pricing is to discourage addiction. Like many sufferers from

hay fever. I tend to treat the symptoms for at least part of the season with cold water drawn curtains and willpower because the prices of the proprietary treatments bring water to your eyes as easily as does pollen. The greed of the pharmaceuticals industry thus reduces the amount of antihistamine that enters my bloodstream and the quantity of steroids squirted up my nose, doses of both of which substances might sensibly be restricted. Cartels can be good for your

Asda might also reflect that we already have strong evi-dence of the dangers of the over-use of medicine. It is 50 years this month since peni-cillin became available on prescription in Britain: the drug has permitted millions to survive to their own 50th birthday but dependence on the remedy has created a new breed of viral superbugs for which there is no treatment.

health.

Abuse of painkillers, the main item featured in the supermarket war, has less dramatic consequences — because they treat symptoms rather than cause — but problems still result. Liver and kidney damage may occur from treating paracetamol like candy. NHS orthopaedics departments are doubtless busier than they might have been because Deep-Heat and court or pitch once more.

industry to license stronger and stronger drugs for general sale has been permitted by the Government - how suspiciously often the words "Now available without pre-scription" seem to appear in drug advertisements these days — the qualified high street pharmacist has become an important regulator.

For years, purchasers of the stronger proprietary medicines experienced the surro-gate junkie frisson when the sales assistant solemnly raised the box or bottle and waited for the approving nod from the pharmacist. More recently - as part of an organised campaign to raise the profile and influence of phar-

The prices of the proprietary treatments bring water to your eyes as easily as does pollen

detailed interrogations of non-prescription shoppers:
"Have you taken this before?"; "Are you an asthmatic?"; "Are you taking anything else?"
Sometimes this

Sometimes, this scrutiny may be a little indiscriminate. Recently, purchasing a tube of Metanium ointment (the state-of-the-art balm for nappy rash), I was asked: "Are you on any other medi-cation?", having presumably been identified as one of the more mature known sufferers of this distressing itchy con dition. Yet, even so, and al-though this diligent care is in part tactical (a strike against

ignore nature's warning to stay in the armchair and haul that twinging ligament or throbbing joint on to the tions. Dangerous combinations. tion cures have been avoided. Into this complex world of

profiteering manufacturers and hypocondriac consumers comes this weekend's news of a reported cure for the common cold. Those hundreds of powders, pills and syrups currently on the market merely alleviate the symptoms of the cold. The ability of the cold virus to change form within days or weeks has made a general preventive impossible. American res however, believe that they have designed a zinc-based drug which will disable the rhinovirus that provokes most coughs and sneezes by blocking its ability to bind to

A world without the com-mon cold would be one from which a trivial but debilitating lifelong human misery had been removed. Economists and educationalists would quickly spot the bene-fits of the instant extinction of millions of sick-notes. Furthermore, the cure will be, it is reported, "safe and cheap". Yet history suggests that no drug is, strictly, safe and, until Asda launched its initia-

healthy cells.

tive last week, certainly none of them has ever been cheap. The cure for the common cold, if it proves true, will presumably first be limited to presumably first be limited to prescription but, like peni-cillin, will be over-prescribed in a fit of gratitude from patients and doctors. Eventu-ally, it may be available over the counter in rival pack-agings and, because of last week's developments, may be very cheen to buy But experivery cheap to buy. But experience tells us that there will be another price. How long would it be before we read the first reports of a new super-rhinovirus, invulnerable to

Supermarkets like to present themselves as places where you can get anything but this claim may turn out to mantled. The situation was explicit film, arguing that this like and so on permit the the encroachment of the be truer than they think. The clearly unit to, for example, move would ensure that only amateur sports participant to hypermarkets) it has bene- free market can be fatal.

visibly cocked a snook at the

talks process? Anyway, the procedural rules for the talks suggest that "consensus"

required the support of par-ties which command a clear

majority of both the Unionist

and nationalist communities

in Northern Ireland. Is this

Unionist Party is destroyed or

even weakened?
At the root of all this lies a

Don't ask us for compassion, the answer is No



Paul Foot

T A MEETING in his birthplace. Walthamstow, to celebrate William Morris, who died 100 years ago, a teacher elo-quently protests against the looming deportation to Angola of Natasha Matem-bele, 12. Natasha and her family fled here in 1991 from war and persecution. They applied for asylum, and have recently been refused. Natasha's fate has outraged teachers and fel-low pupils at Forest Gate school, Newham, most of whom have petitioned and demonstrated in protest. For the teachers the issue is child protection. "If the Home Office ordered us to send a young girl to an abuser, we would be horrified," one of them argued. "This is worse".
I reflect that William Morris, who campaigned so often for the oppressed all over the world, never had to worry about the systematic deporta-

tion of people who have fled here from their oppressors. A hundred years ago there were none of the controls which give the Home Office such wide license to persecute asylum-seekers. Dissidents and reformers from other countries fled to Britain and enriched social and political life here. Now, after 100 years of democracy and progress, they are hunted down by Howard's hit-men, disbelieved. bullled, detained and flung out of the country after a farcical appeals procedure. Britain's Refugee Council discloses that in the first three months of this year half the 9,315 applications for asylum were from Africans; 97 per cent of these were refused. Just opposite me lives Jean Ligue, a young man who fled to Britain from the Ivory Coast, where his opposition to the government put his life in danger. The Home Office started by saying that Jean's student federation has not been banned in the Ivory Coast. Then they coneven remotely possible if the ceded the federation is leadership of the Ulster banned, but stated that Jean

> think you can. Nought. S THE new Labour Party planning to amend its new democratic slogan OMOV. which stands for One Member vote is cast for the candidate preferred by the National Executive? I ask the question be-

would be chucked out any-

granted by Home Secretary Howard, whose parents were

granted asylum in Britain

from pre-war Romania? I

cause of an embarrassing turn of events in Gorton Constituency Labour Party, Manchester. Before a new Labour can-didate was selected in 1994. some 600 applications to join the party were "held over". The nomination meetings duly took place without the 600 and the sitting MP, Gerald Kaufman, was selected.

The 600 take the view that

they were deliberately kept out of the selection process. Some of them attribute their exclusion to their Asian origins. They are taking the Labour Party to court, alleging racial discrimination. The case opens in Manchester today. A lot of evidence will he heard about mysterious de lays on perfectly legitimate Labour Party applications. some of them responding to those earnest appeals from Tony Blair to Join Labour

which appear regularly on the front page of the Guardian. The Labour Party is not completely confident of vic-tory. Its leaders have gazed down an awful vista in which the courts find racial discrimination against a party which swears its hostility to discrimination in all its forms. Accordingly, in January the NEC passed this mo-tion: "That in the event that the Party is ultimately ordered by the Court to treat the selection and endorsement of the sitting MP as a nullity. the NEC would be minded as a matter of principle to dis-pense with the normal procedure using its powers under Rule 4A.6 on the basis that the interests of the Party demanded such suspension and to exercise its powers under the Constitutional Rules to decide that the sitting MP be the candidate". In English, I think this

means that if the court discovers such gross discrimination in Gorton that it rules the selection of Mr Kaufman unlawful, the Labour leaders will stick two fingers up to the courts they are constantly telling us to revere (and from which so many of them make such a good living) and im-pose Gerald Kaufman anyway. On reflection that's not even OMOVIF. It's NOMEV. No Members Voting, New Labour, New democracy.

EW William Morris for that matter. Tony Blair has joined the chorus of enthusiasts who say Morris. Perhaps he thinks "designer socialist" In fact, for the last 15 years of his life William Morris was a revolutionary socialist. He lambasiment who are so scared of scaring others that they behave like Tories and Liberals. "If you tell your audiences

banned, but stated that Jean I they have been influenced by way. Can you guess the num-ber of applications for asylum from the Ivory Coast so far ed the trimmers in the moveyou are going to change so lit-tle that they will scarcely feel the change." he warned, "whether you scare anyone or not, you will certainly not interest those who have nothing society".

After he Manchester bomb, argues Paul Bew, first priority for the Irish and British governments must be to support the long-suffering democratic parties in the North

Taken to extremes

HY DID the IRA let off a massive bomb in Manchester, of all places? There is a string Irish connection with an affection for, all majo British cities, but this is piticularly true of Man-cheer. While even now a newIRA ceas sefire cannot b absolutely ruled out, it is unlikly that this bomb was interied to be a signing-off not. It is more likely that the Reublican leadership has de-cied that the Major govern-mat is unable or unwilling to pressurise the Ulster Priorists and act as a "per-sader" for Irish unity. This as, after all, the original uiding concept of the "Irish eace process" or the Hume-Adams initiative as it was known; for all the slippage of the Major government in other respects — George Mitchell is in effect the US en-voy the British government once set its face against there is no sign of slippage on

there is no sign of slippage on this key point.

The implication is that any revival of the peace process, from an IRA point of view, depends on a Blair government—though why Tony Blair, scourge of fundamentalism elsewhere, should be thought likely to rescue Irish Republican fundamentalism is not exactly clear. actly clear.

The elements of any poss-ible settlement have been defined ever more precisely in recent years by the British and Irish governments. Its cornerstone is the principle of consent There has to be the consent of a majority in the consent of a majorny in the North before there is a united Ireland. But consent, as SDLP deputy leader Seamus Mallon points out, is a two-way street; there has to be powersharing plus an Irish dimension before nationalists will give their consent to the status quo in the North and the dropping of the Irish terri-torial claim.

This is a finely balanced

structure — some will say it is a Utopian one — but it is the only possible alternative to only possible alternative if the current reality of directrule with a green tinge. The Major government lays a particularly heavy emphasis of the need for the "agreement of the parties" before any ne-arrangements can be put in place, but Mr Blair shows pro-sign of wanting to depart 1 sign of wanting to depart it any decisive way from the broad outlines of an intr-governmental policy which as been so laboriously forged. Where does this leave he Stormout talks, which opeed in such tetchy and ill-im-

pered style a week ago? Ba fore the Manchester birb went off, political discussion in the province was dai-nated by speculation acut nated by speculation acut the position of David Trinde, leader of the Uister Unicist Party. Mr Trimble had then a huge risk in accepting he talks chairmanship of Gorge Mitchell, the former US enator. Both Ian Paisley's emogratic Unionist Partiand cratic Unionist Partfand Robert McCartney' UK



the former senator was beholden to an Irish- American

nationalist constituency. The Mitchell report on decommissioning was seen also as including a rather credulous acceptance — at the very ing on the agenda was the demoment when the Canary commissioning of the British Wharf bomb was being state in Ireland. Mr Trimble planned - of the sincerity of the Republican movement on the subject of the decommissioning of paramilitary arms. In paragraph 25 the Mitchell report roundly declared: ment on the part of those in | delegation - which includes possession of such arms to some of the right of his party work constructively to - on this point but others in Unionist Party felithat achieve full and verifiable de the party's wider base and Mitchell was an intorable commissioning as part of the grass roots were deeply upset

negotiations."

This sits rather uneasily with the recent dictum of the leading Belfast Republican Brian Keenan, who declared that the only decommissionprobably shares these doubts about Senator Mitchell but it is now clear that he intends to treat the talks as a serious opportunity to reach an accommodation with nationalism "That there is a clear commit- He has neld together his talks

choice - on the grounds that | process of all party | The MP for South Belfast, the Rev Martin Smyth, has already joined the ranks of the

public sceptics.
Mr Trimble desperately needs a reciprocal gesture from the two governments going beyond Sir Patrick Mayhew's apparent reference to his courage and leadership. There has to be some visible or symbolic alteration in Senator Mitchell's role as chairman. Until now the two governments have resisted this - primarily because they saw Mitchell's status as the clue to bringing about a new IRA ceasefire.

But how rational are such calculations in the light of the Manchester bomb, which so

profound issue. The current peace process has been based on the determination to in-clude "the extremes"; this policy has been pursued at the expense of the previously inter-governmental policy which attempted as a priority to build up a coalition of moderates. Not everyone on the British side has been equally enthusiastic about the new enthusiastic about the new One Vote, to OMOVIF, One policy. In the autumn of 1993 Member One Vote If... the Sir Patrick Maybew seemed to be rather chary about the change of emphasis. On the lrish side the paradigm shift has been more complete - es pecially within the Department of Foreign Affairs though John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, expressed some unease on this score yesterday. If the political class of Sinn Fein cannot deliver the IRA — and the evi-dence to date is that the shift-

ing balance of forces within Republicanism means that it can no longer do so — then the talks are the only game in town.

If the parties (representing 85 per cent of the Northern Irish population and the two governments) can reach agreement — and the odds are rather against it — then they have the capacity to redefine the Irish question and, more particularly, make it exceptionally difficult for paramilitary groupings to flaim to be tary groupings to laim to be acting in the nam of the unfinished business of Irish his-tory. For this to happen, a large segment of the Unionist community has to grasp the fact that an internal settle-ment is an impossibility. Unionists have entirely legiti-mate concerns about the ap-parent implication of schemes of north-south har-monisation in halth, educa-tion and social watere — con-cerns which the British government has/done amazingly little to adiress in the way it should an could.

Nevertheless, cross-border institutions are an essential part of any settlement, they may be the rather large symbolic fig leaf necessary to permit the abandonment of a campaign to coree Unionists into a united Irland or a system of joint authority. But, at the moment, the most urgent priority is for the two governments to tend the needs of those democratic parties in the North — which despite many provostions have grudgingly stick with the efforts to fore an historic compromise.

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The jubilant voice of jazz

display, and the The media loved Billie Holiday, Chet Baker, Charlie Parker and a raft of others for their haunting eyes, their un-predictability, the sounds of decay in their later music, their bad deaths. Their capacity for spontaneous composition, which helped transform 20th-century music, has often run a poor second in their newsworthi-

Yet just as suitable a subject for mythology, if it had been deemed as interesting, has been the exact reverse the apparent indestructibility of many artists, despite being up against the pressures and prejudices that made the jazz life such a tough one for so long. Ella Fitzgerald, who has died aged 79, was the kind of jazz artist who brought that constantly to mind from the

During the past two decades there have been plenty of opportunities to ponder such situations, involving Fitzgerald and others who grew up with her into an age in which jazz was more widely respected and where they became giants of western popular music. One such occassion was at the Royal Festival Hall in 1982, when Count Basie's Orchestra was performing, with Ella Fitzgerald as its singer. Basie came on in a wheelchair, by then the age that Ella was at her death, a small, gnotnic, humorous-looking figure who could still deliver an inimitably tip-toeing brand of piano introduc-tion that triggered his orchestra into making a sound somewhere between a long drum-solo and a hundred cats purring at once. Then Ella Fitzgerald came on to whirl through Blue Moon, I Get A Kick Out Of You, In A Mello-tone and a headlong St Louis Blues (she introduced it as

"the only blues I know"). The show was a startling display of the Fitzgerald method, which depended on one of the most assured and complete techniques ever possessed by a jazz singer, a blend of driving swing, unswerving accuracy of pitch and instrument-like improvisational skill. But it was fused mistic, even innocent take on the world which gave her interpretation of songs a spir-ited, jubilant quality. In that 1982 show, even the poignant lyrics of God Bless The Child were caressed into a consol-ing message of hope, a moving signature of almost all Fitzgerald performances.

The durability of Fitzger ald's spark was apparent with the Basic Orchestra again, at the Albert Hall in 1990. Basic had died and the band was run by his saxophonist Frank Foster. Fitzgerald was physically a different being to the one who had commanded the South Bank stage eight years before. Her sight was poor, she had trouble walking to the spotlight, and sat on a stool for a short set.

But though some of the old gleefully imperious sweep was gone, she still turned the melodies of classic songs around in ways that made them glow all over again, and her timing remained uncanny. Almost as remarkable an achievement as her harmonic sense and ability to swing was Fitzgerald's ability to make all these virtues dis-appear so she seemed to be just singing in the bath. Sarah Vaughan, one of Fitz-gerald's great contemporarles, always sounded like a diva, doing something that you needed to be part angel to do. Ella Fitzgerald made it sound easy, and at one stage this led to criticism that she

ald's artiess playfulness was part of the secret of the imspired in musicians and the public — jazz buffs and non-buffs alike — for so many

Ella Fitzgerald was born in Newport News, Virginia, the daughter of William Fitzger-ald and his common-law wife Temperance Williams Fitzgerald. When the couple separated a year later, she moved mother and a Portuguese immigrant named Joseph Da Silva, to Yonkers, New York. Dancing was her first love in childhood. But, as with Billie Holiday, the transformation of American music that had been wrought by Louis Armstrong and the pioneering jazz improvisors in the 1920s (subversions of pre-dictable rhythm, a broad pal-ette of vocal-like instrumental effects from whistles to growls, strong infusions of the blues) attracted her to a new way of singing. Fitzger-ald also liked the close-har-mony Boswell Sisters, partic-ularly the lead singer Connee



One of the most assured and complete techniques ever possessed by a

iazz singer

Boswell, whose emotional depth and timing she tried hard to replicate. Fitzgerald performed as a dancer in the clubs in her district, working a routine with her friend Charles Gulliver.

mother died, and Ella went to live in Harlem with an aunt, in the centre of a jazz world

sounded dated to an audience that wanted something slicker, quicker and more confident. The big band boom was about to begin, and an emerging radio network was to launch an era of swing that was as big as rock'n'roll was to be 20 years later. In November 1934, Ella Fitz-

gerald sung The Object of My Affection and Judy in the Bos-well style, in a talent contest at Harlem's Apollo Theatre. She won first prize. Alto saxophonist and bandleader Benny Carter spotted her and recommended her to the drummer/hand leader Chick Webb, a dynamic and obses sive artist who had shrugged off physical disability and im-parted to his band the momentum of a runaway steam engine. Webb thought the homely and unsophisticated Ella didn't have the stage presence for a lead singer, but her popularity at the Apollo convinced him that her vocal skills more than compensated. He had to convince the singer, who doubted her own talents and regarded her sing-ing at the time as "hollering".

Chick Webb became Ella's legal guardian as well as her boss. "He always taught me to follow the beat," Fitzgerald said of Webb, and they became nationally famous through a string of sensa-tional Savoy Ballroom shows, radio and and recordings.

Rehearsing in Boston on a Webb tour, Ella began musing with a children's rhyme, and she and arranger Van Alexan-der turned it into A Tisket, A Tasket, which became a huge hit. She took the lyric, as she said "from that old drop-the-handkerchief game I played Chick Webb died in 1939

and the singer took over as nominal leader for the next three years. She recorded pro-lifically, mostly pop music and novelty songs for the juke-box market. But out of the 150 or so sides she cut in those years, there was enough to remind the jazz world that a singer of massive talent was maturing. From 1935 to 1955 she worked for Decca, often under the direction of producer Milt Gabler, and sang with the Ink Spots on several hits, including the million-seller I'm Making Believe and Into Each Life Some Rain

mother died, and Ella went to live in Harlem with an aunt, in the centre of a jazz world on the brink of a roll. The Depression had all but killed the commerciality of the commerciality of the blues, and the New Orleans music of the previous decade decade of the previous decade decade of the previous decade d



A God-given voice and a talent for abstract expression. . . Ella Fitzgerald in 1990 and (left) in 1958 with Stan G.z Photographs: MARTIN ARGLES/TERRY CRYST LEFT).

lodic convolutions and unpredictable switchbacks of bop phrasing, she adapted ele-ments of the new music to her own style in an influential 1945 recording of the swing tune Flying Home. Scat-singing - the improvisation of wordless, instrument-imitating lyrics - had existed in jazz since Louis Armstrong's smiable 1920s experiments But no one before Fitzgerald had attempted such ambitious manouevres with it, and the method was subsequently adopted and modified by

countless singers. A year later, Ella Fitzgerald joined

the child being raised by Fitzgerald's aunt Virginia. The same pressures eventually well and the couple were div-orced in 1958.

Postwar big bands strug gled, but Ella's career had transcended them. In 1950 she recorded eight George Gersh-win songs (Ella Sings Gersh-uin). They were shrewd and revealing interpretations and she seemed utterly at home. Ira Gershwin remarked "I never knew how good our songs were until I heard Ells Fitzgerald sing them."

In 1954, the imaginative im-Must Fall.

Bebop, the harmonically demanding jazz revolution that developed out of the musical ist Ray Brown. It was her first the first that the first tha

which took in Jerome Kern, Cole Porter, Rodgers and Hart, Irving Berlin, Duke Ellington, Johnny Merce:, Harold Arlen and Frank Liesser (as well as five Gershwh volumes) became the high point of the singer's career. She attracted Grammy avards like a magnet. Bu; she remained a peerless lie per-former, as recording like Mack The Knife from Ala In Berlin resoundingly confirmed. From 1955 — with Pete Kelly's Blues — sh also appeared in movies (strting with: Pete Kelly's Blues in

1993. But despite declining health. Fitzgerald ontinued to perform and recol into the early 1990s, broadciting on occasion with FrankSinatra, performing with ensobles as different as symphon orchestras and the Basie bad. She also worked in he later career in delectabl small groups, often with the great planist-accompanist ommy Flanagan. But the occaional experiments with roc and soul didn't suit her, and grely

produced enduring mus. Ella Fitzgerald remined shy and abstemious thrigh-1955), and reaffirmed her status with events like her own 1957 Hollywood Bowl concert.

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years, she received awards and doctorates from all over the world ("not bad for someone who only studied music to get that half credit at high school" she said in an acceptance speech at Yale) and received a Kennedy Center Award for her work in the performing arts. The British writer Benny

Green maybe put the Fitzger ald magic best, however. He wrote: "She is the best equipped vocalist ever to grace the jazz scene. There is to her voice a liliting, lullaby quality which renders even commonplace material mov-ing." As for Fitzgerald her-self, she simply said: "God gave me a voice... something with which to make other people happy".

John Fordham

Ella Fitzgeralő, singer, bom April 25, 1917; died June 15, 1996

Ella, at lunch, in Kilburn, on stage, a legend

PACK in 1964, the but they used strictly Home Counties idioms and I saw for journalists excluded from the strictly makes a saw for journalists excluded from the strictly makes and the same and the sam hostelries such as El Vino's. The club was famous for its luncheons with star guests and it was a Canadian member, I think, who knew Ella Fitzgerald who persuaded her to visit during a tour. I couldn't wait to meet a woman who had defined the art of singing the popular song, and can still see her coming through the club's 18th-century gateway, physically sub-stantial and head-turning.

Thirty years ago it was still rare to find black women in an area like Fleet Street and she made an impressive sight, wearing figured black satin and the inscrutable expression that protected her from the uncalled for remark. Seafed opposite her in defer-

her. I found myself trying to alter the course of events by asking her about recording Can't Buy Me Love by the Beatles. I cannot remember what else I said but I well remember her look of relief.

Ella inspired the cliche about singing the telephone book and making it sound good. If she had a fault it was to be perfection in a medium that requires its greatest exponents to be slightly flawed. Whenever I have caught my-self thinking that there is not enough lived life in her that awkward afternoon an early ntimation of the loneliness of the long dis-tance black artist. And then I go home and play Love For Sale from the Cole Porter Songbook and change my mind all over again.

Philharmonic came to Britain was in 1952 when they played a Kilburn charity con-cert. As a Nigerian I wanted to go backstage to see these guys because they were my people, but when I got to Ella's dressing room Granz was standing there. Not knowing who he was, I tried to force my way past. "What."
I heard Ella saying "is happening out there?" He had to let me in. I was young, I had only

been here three or four years. She asked me where I was from and really welcomed me. It meant a lot, I got her auto-"LLA wasn't my favour-

the singer, but I was thrilled when she recorded the Fran Landesman-Tommy Wolf song Spring Can Really Hang You Up The Most. I don't think she

HE first time Norman | chose it, more likely some | refined sense of swing. Seem Granz's Jazz At The | A&R man talked her into it. | ingly impervious to the unit Words didn't mean much to Ella. Her voice was a wonderful instrument. But one night heard Ella sing at Basin Street East; then we went to another club to hear someone else (I can't remember who). The singer was more to my taste but that night Ella's flawless notes echoed in my ears. I understood then what made her the Queen of Jazz. pressionist painter. No story, just pure music.

> LLA Fitzgerald lived to sing. Nothing else in her life mean her. Her love affair with music meant marriage, family, friends and a normal social life all took a back-seat to this one consuming pas-sion. Her vocal style was widely admired for its purity of tone, clarity of diction, har-monic ingenuity and a highly

ingly impervious to the urr lenting shocks that period-cally swept jazz and popular music she filled concert hals around the world whateve the prevailing musical fas

When she last appeared

the Albert Hall, in 1990, sh was frail and sat throughou her performance. Her voice

always uncomfortable if asked to discuss her past in anything other than general

terms. She would go through her standard "we-were-poorbut-happy" routine, never seeking to correct such ano molies as her birth date, for example, always given as 1918 but in fact 1917.

manager and long time confi-dant told me: "With Ella it was the music that mattered. The public have the albums was frayed at the edges but and everything Ella had to she was not about to let go of say is there." Perhaps he is the one thing she loved most right. Perhaps if you know in life, "singing for the too much about your idols the people" as she put it. By then magic disappears and by she was a legend, performing maintaining a distance be-for audiences who wanted to consume the aura of one of Elia was contributing to her the great and enduring fig.

own legend. Today we are left with her voice, beyond jazz, with her voice, beyond jazz, beyond paradoxes as I discovered paradoxically limited by when writing her biography them. Yet all she ever wanted in 1902. While much had been in 1992. While much had been was that, "people might say written about her, a lot was patently incorrect. She was lice singer". Such modest asiration so conspicuously chieved. Stuart Nicholson, iographer of Ella Fitzgerald

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posible aspect of their mean-in He often seems deaf to mulc, not simply through trial mistakes like associat-inglingsor with Bb minor,

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meaing of Wagner's work, in Weine's very publicised book.

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Jackdaw



Old school

NO DOUBT you will say I am of the old school. But, in my day children respected people and weren't allowed to run wild when mothers

stayed home.
Now, married women want
their cake and eat it, by carrying on working while depriving men of their work. It is long past time to bring back men on TV and radio to read news and weather. They know how to speak properly without accents and through

their nose. A letter from a female reader. printed in the Daily Record, crying out for a return of the infinitely more talented male to

news reading. Sent to Jackdaw

Private kiss

"THE Yanomami, who live in the forests near the upper Ori-noco, don't hesitate to kiss noco, don't hesitate williss their haby sons' penises or to suck them to put the child in a better mood. Governesses in Europe and Anterica always knew the trick too. Elbi-Eibesfeldt hastened to assure us that the practice is a matter of good asexual parenting on the good asexual paretnig on the part of the Yanomami hunter-gatherers, not of adult sexual gratification."

I have, bowever, serious and

good cause to rejoice in Blue's mention of Yanomami habits. In the dread, dark days of the 1960s, when I knew no better, I used to cover to cover my baby's willy with sickeningly besotted kisses. Nor did the marshmallow perfection of my daughter's burn escape similar attentions. It is only now, in this enlightened neo-Victorian age, that I have been re-educated to understand that mobs of social workers should. in fact, have descended in dawn raids and carried away

my childreninto care and me away to pleasure Her Majesty Phew! Whata narrow squeak that was. Diana Eden Hows a kiss of relie

while reviewng Adrianne Blue's book (n Kissing, in the

A redneck?

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Strange call Radio conversation released

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degrees to the south to avoid a collision. Americans: This is the cap-tain of a US Navy ship. I say again, divert YOUR course.
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AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS MISSOURL WE ARE A LARGE WARSHIP OF THE US NAVY. DIVERT YOUR

COURSE NOW. Canadians: This is a light-house. Your call. This is the transcript of an radio conversation between a US naval ship and Canadian authorities off the coast of Newfoundland in October 1995.

Which thesis?

HIS thesis is that "the semantic pretensions of Wagner's revolutionary music...are grounded in the physicality of the body", and Weiner aims to demonstrate that "music is the symbiotic acoustical corollary to visual impressions in Wagner's thought; hearing serves the same function as seeing. Music is an art that appeals to a different sense but that does so in order to convey the same physiolog-ical states that the eye dis-cerns through visual

impressions."
This is a crafty way to divert attention from the kind of "purely musical" defences of Wagner that that Weiner finds so offensive, and his need to encourage such diversion be-comes clear when he seeks to relate Wagner's dramas spe-cifically to a "racist utopian agenda", a "nefarious intended meaning". Whether or not Weiner is correct in accusing most recent commenta-tors on Wagner of "ignoring

or refusing to take seriously the anti-semitic dimension of Wagner's work", he himself stands accused of treating the musical dimension primarily

utopian agenda". Weiner is intensely conscious of what he reads as "the remarkably . . . vehement criticism against anyone who entertains the possibility that Wagner's anti-semitism may be related somehow to his

as an adjunct to that "racist



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Finance Guardian

COPPER CRISIS: Police to examine secret 'B accounts' at Merrill Lynch ● Market braced for fall

City search for fraud cash

Patrick Donovan and Paul Murphy

UGE sums of money missing from the \$2.5 billion Sumitomo copper fraud may through the Guernsey branch of the Bank of Butterfield, a secret bank accounts set up by "rogue trader" Yasuo Hamanaka at the City branch of Merrill Lynch, the leading US

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Merrill Lynch any knowledge of the Butterfield had any knowledge of the Butterfield had

investment bank. Directors of the bank are expected to be questioned by police and regulatory bodies about transactions in the socalled "B" accounts during

thorised trades conducted by cause he hid all the transactions in a personal trading sacked on Thursday after Sumitomo admitted the discoving the mitomo admitted the discoving trading book.

The "B" accounts at Merrill Hamanaka accused the US mitomo admitted the discovery of a massive fraud, is esti-

mated at up to \$20 billion.
Further sums are thought
to have been siphoned off of the Bank of Butterfield, a Bermudan institution.

edge that irregular transactions were taking place.

It also emerged yesterday that the Sumitomo fraud came to light only because documents intended for the the investigation of what is now believed to be a global attempt to rig copper markets.

The nominal value of unau-

Lynch are believed to have been opened in the name of Mr Hamanaka's employer, Sumitomo. It is understood that an unauthorised power of attorney was then given to the representative of a US firm which is now under in-vestigation by the US regula-tor, the Commodities Futures Trading Commission.

Sources say the Serious Fraud Office and the Securities and Investments Board are anxious to talk to Merrill Lynch directors about the suspect accounts. A spokes-man for Merrill Lynch yesterday declined to comment.

Mr Hamanaka last night
was not answering his bome

regulator three years ago of being "too strict" in monitoring big-trader positions. He told the CFTC that it was "too difficult" to deal with. Later in 1993, Mr Hamanaka stopped trading on Comex. the US market, and moved most of his business to the London Metal Exchange.

Companies which had business links with Sumitomo are expected to be asked to help the police and regulators with their investigation. These in-clude Winchester Commodities, which had regular deal-ings with Mr Hamanaka, although it is not implicated

in this inquiry.

expected to be carried out in Guernsey. The Securities and Futures Authority has been concerned about dealings passing through the offshore tax haven since autumn 1994. It has found evidence that two offshore entities were involved in complex and profit-

Documents relating to the companies were seized in a raid by local police and finan-cial regulatory authorities on May 11. Guernsey police are Although outside the SFA's

jurisdiction, the activities of Drake Commodities and Vulcanis — two companies regis-tered in the British Virgin Is-lands but operating in St Peter's Port — were thought

"There was a stable of courpanies to which we had no access, which would require work at a higher level, a fully motivated investigation," one source said, "Drake was doing some very sophisti-cated [trading] strategies and making some handsome money, booking a profit of \$10 million in the case of one deal. This was all away from the eyes of the tax man and the regulators."

Neither company was available for comment yesterday, and it remains unclear whether the SFA has investigated either.

The chief executive of the LME yesterday attempted to calm the markets by insisting that the Sumitomo affair would not disrupt trading when the markets open today.

Much blame lies closer to home



Alex Brummer

READERS of the Sunday press would do well to question the satisfaction expressed by some commentators at the discomfiture of the Japanese over the rogue tradings by Yasuo Hamanaka of the Sumitomo Cor-

poration.

After the bashing London merchant banking took as a result of the losses at Barings, these commentators seem only too willing to believe that the Japanese financial system, too, has feet of clay. But consider the facts of the Hamanaka affair.

First, there were clear man-agement and control probems inside Sumitomo Corporation, as there inside Barings and in Daiwa's New York branches. Despite all the talk of sophisticated risk modelling as a protection against loss, one rogue trader with access to company letterbeads, scissors, paste and some knowledge of backroom practices can run rings

the auditors and regulators. Second, the idea that the Hamanaka affair is a peculiarly Japanese scandal is laughable. The only Japanese aspect of the matter is the identity of the loser on the markets and the corporation

that will take the losses. suffered from the worst practices of the City. The London Where does the blame for largest market by volume and of global dealings in copper. I the norm. Some regulators but it is one of the least regulators have tried to adopt a harderlated, most complacent mar i nosed approach: the Securikets in the world.

T IS an exchange whose chairman, Raj Bagri, has a direct personal financial interest. This is as if the head of on-course bookmaker. It ex-poses a fundamental weakness — also evident in the pensions selling scandal — of practitioner-led regulation in | legal challenge.

the financial community. It is likely that, when the full tale of Mr Hamanaka's trading is disclosed, this scandal will be seen as much a City-based affair as something that occurred in New York and Tokyo. Not a comforting thought for the City fathers as they seek to maintain the UK's hegemony as a financial centre over its rivais abroad.

Third, little note has been taken of the consequences of the affair at the supply end of the commodity chain. The convulsions may have enriched investors in hedge funds who bet against Sumi-moto positions and brokers in London like Winchester Commodities (until recently run by Monte Carlo-based dealer unfortunate effects on produc- | for sharp practice.

ing countries like Zambia and

A run-up in copper prices ased only on speculation introduces uncertainty into al-ready hazardous lives. This is trickle-down in reverse, with those creaming the profits by speculation becoming richer while those at the bottom poor copper miners in Chile and Zambia - not benefiting at all. In fact, as the positions taken by Sumitomo unwind, sending the copper price lower, their standards of living could well plummet,

The only way markets such as the LME and Comex in Chicago justify their existence is by providing producers with a hedge against price and currency fluctuations. When they contribute to convulsion, hold up the price of a base metal up the cost to consumers around the world, the rationale for such instruments as over-the-counter options looks questionable.

is that of the quality of City of London regula-tion. The weaknesses of the LME, first exposed at the time of the tin crisis, are legion. Its operation of an outmoded ring system of trading, the slim margins required for dealing and the use of overthe counter contracts is a scandal. The LME is a selfperpetuating gentlemen's club which, like Lloyd's of London until reforms were introduced, is largely run for the benefit of members, not in which London has ap-peared to specialise, should have been modernised long narkets and the corporation ago. It is an eternal tragedy that will take the losses.

As well as being victim of a scale of the Lloyd's losses and rogue trader. Sumitomo has the Sumitomo affair to force

Metal Exchange, where many this reside" it must be partly of the Hamanaka deals were with the old-boy-network done, may be the UK's second style of regulation which dei spite all the account for up to 70 per cent | reforms of the City, remains ties and Futures Authority may have been slow in seeking to bring some order to the LME, but it is constrained. It faces not just buccaneer traders but markets which do not the Jockey Club were also an want to be regulated. It is also disadvantaged by rules which limit its jurisdiction and a non-legislative framework that makes it easy prey to

This might not matter if the lead regulators, the Securities & Investments Board and the Bank of England, were better at their jobs. But the SIB has never willingly exercised its that it addressed insider trading in derivatives markets. even though the problem has heen evident for years. Simi-larly, it has missed almost every target in seeking to resolve the pensions mis-sell-

As for the Bank, one has only to read the reports on the Barings collapse to know its problems, although it is now addressing them with some urgency. Not only instruments of regulation need changing, however, but the culture, too. Until then, Lon-Charlie Vincenti but it has don will remain a playground

ing scandal.

Price dive in US fans **London fear**

Dan Atkinson

TORM warnings of further turmoil on London metal markets were flashed from New York over the weekend, where the copper price hit a two-year low. Dealers had hoped for a

start wholesale liquidation of their positions in order to protect against further losses. prices have been hit by the backwash from the Sumitomo trading scandal, with silver falling, briefly, below \$5 (£3) a

Add to this fears of heavy sales of copper from Sumitomo, as it attempts to unwind the suicidal commitments entered by rogue trader Yasuo Hamanaka, and there is a real prospect of chaos on world metal markets.

This, in turn, could hit South American copper pro-ducers in Chile and Peru and return the prices of other metals to the depression levels of the early 1990s.

Nevertheless, some commodities insiders remained unruffled. 'This is not going to spiral downwards," said one vesterday. He added that stocks of the metal were low and demand was firm.

Furthermore, the early dive in prices on the London Metal Exchange on Friday, from \$2,155 a tonne for three-month delivery to \$1.860, had been partly reversed by the end of the day, he said, when three month copper closed at \$1,980. a net fall of \$175.

The hope, he said, was that the price would begin to recover, as it did at the start of this month after it crashed to below \$2,100 a tonne, a dive triggered by rumours that Mr Hamanaka had been sacked

or demoted, "[The] feeling in the market is the panic is over," he said, although, he added, "the market could be scarred for a while."

However, Friday's close in New York suggests there could be more trouble ahead, despite the junior role played by American copper dealers, by comparison with their return to normality when copper trading resumes later today, but signs from across the Atlantic suggest they may have been optimistic.

Should the price plunge further today, big banks may contained to the copper price in the US, taking it to a 25-month low.

Sumitomo has not disclosed its total market exposure, but has pledged "to continue tradition of the contained to the con

trading and make efforts to stabilise the market". Sumi-tomo also said it has no imlong copper positions.

Meanwhile, the Sumitomo

affair may help explain puzzling figures for Japanese copper demand recorded in the early spring. Japan allows duty-free from certain developing nations at the start of each Japanese financial year (the year begins on April 1). This year, zinc imports surged, but copper shipments did not.

At the time, brokers T. Hoare suggested this reflected "less the lack of industrial activity in Japan than the expectation of lower prices and plentiful availability later in the year".

In retrospect, it could wall have been that Japanese in-siders were well aware of the heavy commitments being run up by Mr Hamanaka and anticipated the copper price slide certain to follow his exposure. Should this be borne out by subsequent disclo-sures, it will add to the speculation as to who knew what,

and when. The scandal is already causing soul-searching about business ethics in Japan, with chief cabinet secretary. Seiroku Kajiyama, declaring: "The moral fibre of Japanese people has deteriorated, and they have become desensitised towards money.



Whistleblower 'was blackballed'

Paul Marphy

AVID Threlkeld, the American trader who warned the London Metal Exchange five years ago that Yasuo Hamanaka might be falsifying his accounts at Sumitomo, was 'blackballed" by the London metal trading community, ac-cording to the head of one member broking firm. "He was raising questions

subtle," said the broker, who asked not to be named.

"We knew the LME itself did not like him and we knew the market's biggest player didn't like him, either. The natural extension was that you stopped doing business."
Mr Threlkeld, who still
runs a small metals trading operation based in Vermont wrote a letter - reported in

which people didn't want answering. He was side-lined, to LME chief executive David hurt financially. I tried to shunned, and it was none to King in November 1991, explaining how Mr Hamanaka was creating false records for 80,000 tonnes of copper worth more than \$200 million. Through his firm, DLT, Mr

Threlkeld was an associate member of the LME until 1992, when the British end of his dealing operation, DLT (London), folded. Mr Threlkeld said in a

[again] earlier this year to discuss our outstanding business problem.

"I was unable to discuss the situation with Sumitomo directly, although I did receive communication, asking me to elaborate on my concerns, from their New York attorney. DLT & Co Inc have retained counsel and we are ment yesterday: "By ex- trying to resolve the matter."

Penniless BR seeks £400m debt bail-out

Keith Harper Transport Editor

RITISH Rall has fired a final privatisation salvo at the Government by refusing to sign off its annual accounts because it could be liable for hidden debts of up to \$100 million for which it has no money.

John Welsby, BR's chairman, has told Transport Secretary Sir George Young that, without any guarantees from munisters, he cannot complete his annual report. The rail sell-off has left BR penniless but it is still liable for certain

These include underwriting Channel tunnel rail passenger and freight services. claims from former staff forced to retire through illness and certain other back-

up costs. The dispute has delayed preparation of the annual report, due to be published next month. The gagging order imposed by the Government on BR to smooth the flourist another issue which has a money to fund.

ready caused BR managers to through by ministers."

Among BR's principal aswater down critical comments about Railtrack's oper-The Department of Trans-

port has moved to head off trouble by tabling a memo-randum in the Commons explaining that the Government is prepared to pick up the bill for any outstanding financial problems due to privatisa-But Labour may take up the

issue. Party leaders including Tony Blair and John Prescott have signed an early day motion pointing out that ministers are prepared to spend millions of pounds more of taxpayers' money on rail pri- pose of the remaining 18 pasvatisation. Senior BR sources stressed

yesterday that they were wor-ried about the implications of a political fight between Labour and the Government. One insider said: "The industry is saddled with potentially enormous costs. Privatisation is being pressed through on a wing and a prayer. This is ment may not have sufficient

tation of Railtrack has all not been thoroughly thought

rolling stock which was eventually sold to three leasing companies. The rest of BR's empire is evaporating as 100 departments move into the private sector. BR will officially cease to

exist in October next year when Mr Welsby's contract expires. But if Labour wins the next election he could stay on as a caretaker chairman while BR is reorganised. The Government is still trying to sell the entire rail network before the election. Its

main concern will be to dis-

senger franchise operations,

which include ScotRail, the

West Coast main line and the rural network. The most difficult of these franchises are the five metropolitan networks run by by city councils. These will require considerable underpinning which the Govern-

Sock Shops to fit inside Jumper

lan King

OCK SHOP, the best Stephen Hinchliffe's crashed Facia retail empire, was sold yesterday, alongside luggage chain Salisbury's and Red or Dead, in a series of deals which will safeguard 1,100

KPMG, leading receiver to Facia - which collapsed at the start of the month with debts of more than £30 million — yesterday outlined details of the sales, which should preserve some familiar high street names.

Around 75 outlets of Sock Shop have been sold, for a "substantial" but undisclosed sum, to Laucashirebased retailer Jumper Ltd. Also sold was Contessa, Britain's biggest specialist lingerie retailer, with 80 out of 120 outlets going to

Chancerealm, the group

headed by Theo Phaphitis.

up the Ryman's stationary chain. The Red or Dead fastion chain has been sold to its founders and former owners, Wayne and Gerar

dine Hemmingway.

Meanwhile, on Saturday
52 branches of Salisbury's,
the handbag and jewellery chain, were sold to Carlton manufacturer. The sale comes a week after the Swiss-based Mister Minit chain bought 39 Salisbury's stores, leaving another 80 to be sold by Grant Thorn-

ton, the chain's receiver. Announcing the sales KPMG's Tony Thompson said Oakland, the men's fashion chain, and Torq, the jewellery business, had yet to be sold.

He added: "We are very pleased to have saved so many jobs and preserved such well-known high street names. We have now sold the bulk of the Facia Group retail outlets and it appears likely that secured creditors will be paid in who two years ago snapped | full."

AT&T calls on high-spend phone users

Nicholas Bannister Technology Editor

AT&T. the world's second-largest telecommunications company, is due to launch its attack on British Telecom's buge residential market next month.

The initial package will be aimed at people with phone bills of more than £100 a quarter - often those who make a lot of international calls and use their phones for more than just person-to-person

The offers are expected to appeal to high spenders who use value-added services, spend a lot of time on the Internet or have equipment linked to the phone, such as a fax machine. In the autumn, AT&T in-

tends to begin its drive to get freephone services accepted by companies and consumers as a basic business practice. David Quinn, marketing director of AT&T Communications UK. said that freephone services, where the person receiving the call pays for it, were much used in the US.

News in brief

China and US face trade war

Chinese and US negotiator were last night still trying to stave off a multi-billion dollar trade war over copyright piracy. Tit for tat trade sanctions will come into force today unless the two sides resolve their differences over the protection of intellectual property rights in China. At talks in Beijing, US nego

tiators were demanding closure of more Chinese factories pirating films, music and computer software.

Heavy lorry blues Sales of heavy lorries are set to alump again following a fairly short-lived recovery from the doldrums of the last | Epargne for its 0.16 per cent recession forecasters warn

today. Truck production and sales dipped sharply at the beginning of the 1990s before enjoving a recovery in the past two-to-three years. Sales of UK trucks above six tonnes are also likely to fall between 1996 and 1996 before rising again by the year 2001, says DRL'McGraw Hill. Compass buys French

contract caterer, has entered an agreement to take control of Eurest France, France's third largest contract caterer. in which it currently has a 67 per cent stake. Compass will pay Fr590 million (£76.3 million) to French group Sodexho for its 33.34 per cent stake in Eurest,

and a further Fr28 million to

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Botica revises Tigers' views

Paral Frizzpetrick

ECENT crowds at Castleford — two under 3,000 — had suggested that Wheldon Road was one place where summer rugby was not working. But Tigers fans with reservations will be revising their views after this marvellous advertisement for Super

League.
The heat is suiting Castleford. They adapted well to it in Paris last week and their staming and resolve were not found wanting in this cease-lessly pulsating contest.

The conditions were cering. At 31 he is no longer in the full flush of youth and has not long recovered from a badly broken leg. On this evidence, however, Wigan did not last long, however. Bottoa's lofted kick to the corner thing out of him tainly to Franc Botica's lik-

thing out of him.

He was outstanding from start to finish and scored 14 points; but it was two magical moments in the second half that decided a contest then heading Bradford's way.

Just past the hour Botica left the powerful Australian forward Jeremy Donougher for dead to score a fine try; and soon afterwards the stand-off kicked ahead, re-gathered against the odds and slipped a try-scoring pass to

Robbie Paul, superbly policed by the Castleford de-fence, did make a telling break in the final minutes to create a try for Dwyer which McNamara goaled. There were still six anxious minutes

start of a domestic season.
The 24-year-old scrum-balf
hit the century-mark with
his sixth against the Super
League's bottom side
Workington Town at

for Castleford to negotiate but they deserved their victory. For Bradford, their first de-feat since Wembley will have come as a blow to any aspirations they had for the title. As it is, they might now have to settle for a top-four place.

The first half, after Flowers had opened the scoring with a breakaway try for Castleford, went well for the Bulls. Tries from Donougher and the impressive Spruce, his fourth in four games since arriving from Widnes, helped them into an interval lead of 10-8. It got better still soon after

half-time when Tomlinson and Bradley opened up a big gap down Castleford's right flank and Cook, from Brad-

caught Hassan flat-footed and bemused and, when the ball rebounded to Edwards, the winger was able to slip Flynn away for a simple try.

Lowes was then sent to the sin-bin for deliberate obstruction. Botica landed the penal-ty and the scores were level at 16-16. McNamara's drop-goal in the 58th minute was a sen sible option in such a tight game but Botica played his two trumps and Castleford were on the way to their best



Double up . . . Porsche's 911 GT1, left, came second and the other, driven by Yannick Dalmas, Karl Wendlinger and Scott Goodyear, third MCHEL UPCHTZ

Hills good value to be top man at Ascot it imes during the night but only because Joest were making pit stops. They eventually had to settle for the runners-up spot:

Ron Cox

RANKIE Dettori will be much missed at Royal Ascot this week. His en-Goulding races to fastest ton forced absence through in-jury has made Mick Kinane a raging hot favourite at 13-8 on to win the London Clubs Trophy, but the race to be top jockey is surely more open than Coral's betting suggests.
Support for Olivier Peslier
at the weekend saw the Featherstone's Steve Quinn (1979) and Keighley's John

Frenchman's price tumble from 60-1 to 25's. Pat Eddery, with a clutch of fancied rides. Wasyliw (1993). Goulding, in danger of missing out on the record after being addelined for the looks a solid 11-4 chance and at 16-1 there is a case to be It was only the Saints' last two games with a 17th league and cup game cracked collarbone, inof the campaign. It beats by spired a 60-16 victory. made for Willie Carson. But the price that is most

creat of a wave at present and John Robertson, his agent, has been busy compiling a quality book of rides over the next four days.

Robertson is looking for a good start tomorrow when Hills teams up with First Island, Tuscany, Missile and He is particularly keen on

Missile in the Britannia Handicap. "This horse goes really well on fast ground, which will be essential this said Robertson yesterday, "Missile's York form has

worked out well and he is in

again and he by-passes the Queen Anne Stakes in favour of the Prince Of Wales's.

"First Island worked ex-tremely well last Friday morning. The previous day Michael rode Our Kris in a bit of work with Moonax at Newbury racecourse. He's fit from jumping and also loves fast ground."

With Richard Quinn suspended for the first two days of the meeting, Paul Cole has booked Hills for his fancied Coventry Stakes runner Tuscany,

"We also hope to get on Mr Cole's More Silver in the and Shenango (King George V

tempting is the 33-1 about great form. So is First Island. Queen Mary Stakes on Handicap) are longshots, al-Michael Hills. The Derby-win-ning jockey is riding on the creet of a wave at present and large again and he by-passes the creet of a wave at present and large again and he by-passes the chance her owner might want who has been working well chance her owner might want Cash Asmussan."

More Silver, a highly impressive Newbury winner, would be a banker for Hills, who also has a leading chance in the Jersey Stakes on My Branch

in the Bessborough Handicap, Burning, who runs in the Shaamit colours, could be a

surprise package. Hills teams up with Watch Me, a 12 lengths Salisbury winner last time out, for Richard Hannon in Thursday's Cork And Orrery Stakes. State Fair (Chesham Stakes)

If Royal Applause has retained the dash he showed as an unbeaten two-year-old. he could provide Hills with a winning ride in the King's Stand Stakes on Friday. Sprinting is certainly the

key to Royal Applause, who blazed away in front for six furlongs in the 2,000 Guineas. Add the much improved Prize Giving in the King Ed-ward VII Stakes, plus that in-evitable slice of luck that everyone needs, and Hills could be riding high by the **Motor Racing**

Joest win Le Mans

DORSCHE scored a one-two-three in the Le Mans 24-hour race which finished yesterday but to the German makers' chagrin their two works cars were edged out of first place by an independent

prototype.

The race was won in style by a Porsche-powered Joest, based on a 1991 Jaguar XJ 14 with the roof removed. It was steered to victory by a virtual league of nations: Germany's Manuel Reuter, Austria's Alexander Wurtz and America's Davey Jones, who was in the driving seat for the final stint.
"We were ahead of a

works car for almost 24 hours, it's incredible," said Reuter, who wou Le Mans in 1989 for Mercedes. It was a third triumph for the German team Joest, following wins in 1984 and 1985.

"For a private team to win Le Mans two times was very lucky," the team owner Reinhold Joest said.

"But winning to a third time proves that we must be doing it right."

Porsche's new 911 GT1s took second and third. Germany's Hans Stuck, Belgium's Thierry Boutsen and France's Bob Wollek had taken the lead several had taken the lead several

Joest had taken the lead soon after the start on Sat-urday and made the most of a trouble-free race in warm, dry conditions. They covered 354 circuits of the eight-mile track at an aver-

age speed of 120mph.

McLaren, who won last
year in their first appearance at Le Mans, suffered gearbox trouble in their leading car and had to

settle for fourth place. The three-times Formula One champion Nelson Piquet on his Le Mans debut finished eighth in a McLaren after mechanical problems. "I thought it would be like holidays but it was not, it was exhausting," the Brazilian said.

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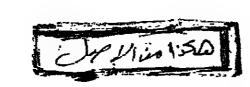
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AUL Fessey, the appren-tice rider injured in a fall from Secret Voucher at York on Saturday, was detained in hospital last night but has no serious injuries.





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Stephen Bierley on the winners and the also-rans at the weekend's Olympic trials in Birmingham and a record tussle at 400 metres Black sticks needle in Ladejo

HE men's 400 metres | be the British record holder had always been billed as the top at-traction of the British Olympic trials and so, most marvellously, it proved.
Roger Black, running with

Roger Black, running with supreme control, smashed the British record with a winning time of 44.39sec and then became involved in another needle contest with second-placed Du'aine Ladejo.

"I'm absolutely delighted to bold the record for long".

"You know Du'aine, you're predictable it's sad." replied Black, who suggested that, if Ladejo thought he could take the record, he should put his money where his mouth is. The two agreed a £1,000 bet and shook on it.

again." said Black, who last held it in 1986. Ladejo responded immediately by saying that Black "would not hold the record for long".

Ladejo, who had held on to at least clinched his Atlantic flight, the first two in each event at the trials being assured of an Olympic place provided they had the neces-sery time or distance. The selectors will announce

the team this morning and are certain to give the remaining individual 400m place to Iwan Thomas who finished third.

The first four runners all obtained as seconds. Fourth-old Black. The previous replaced Jamie Baulch will get cord of 4447 was set just placed Jamie Baulch will get place in the 400m relay squad, as will Mark Richardson. Britain's leading one-lap runner last season, who on this occasion could finish only fifth. He has been suffer-

ing from food poisoning.
"I had not expected to break the British record but I knew I could run fast after cruising through the semi-finals on

an American for the first time since 1983. Kelly Blair

overtook her in the 800m to win by 6.406 points to 6.403. But Joyner-Kersee

weekenn for Britain's best hopes in Atlanta, particularly Colin Jackson and Sally Gunnell whose form prior to the trials had been patchy.

Jackson, although still suffering from tendinitis, had a comfortable win in the 110s. No more 100 metres says Carl Lewis after finishing last in US trials comfortable win in the 110m hurdles, looking smooth and sharp. Gumell's victory in the 400m hurdles was, if any-THE OLYMPIC flame is down to a flicker for Carl Lewis. Twice 100 was second in 10.00 and Jon champion and Drummond thinking 10.01 finishing eighth in 10.21, 100m. and Jackie Joyner Kersee, the heptathlon champion conceded that his world-record holder, lost to an American for the first thing, even more impressive

trials because of injury.

It was an encouraging weekend for Britain's best

lifted her confidence. Kelly Holmes, Britain's out-standing female track athlete, has still to decide whether to double up at 800 and 1500m in Atlanta, although she appears to be close to putting all her

and her time of 55.64 will have

eggs in the 800m basket. Holmes won the two-lap event in 1min 57.84sec, the fastest time in the world this year under four years ago at the Barcelona Games by Dave Grindley, who missed these Yesterday she dominated the 1500m in 4.08.14. "It gives me the flexibility to go for both events but I'm favouring the 800m at the moment," Holmes

> She :was understandably disappointed that her superl run on Saturday was eclipsed by the attention given to Diane Modahl, who finished second in the 800m, thus qualifying for the Olympics.
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> Modahl took a somewhat

gratuitous swipe at the Brit-ish Athletic Federation for the handling of her doping case. She has been cleared and is suing the federation but would be better advised to keen her mouth shut until the keep her mouth shut until the court case has been settled. Linford Christie, predict-

ably, would not confirm

Top-notch . . . Sally Gunnell in action in the 400m hurdle

whether or not be will be in Atlanta defending his Olympic 100m title. He won the event on Saturday and then, in the 200m yesterday, finished second to John Regis with the same time of 20.54.

"There is a lot I need to know and I've got to get better," said Christie enigmatically. "I've got to feel happy within myself."

Few winners were more de-

Few winners were more de-lighted than Jon Ridgeon in the 400m hurdles. "Realisti-

cally I think I have a real chance of making the final in

Atlants — I'm improving all the time," he said.

His career has been blighted by injury, including four Achilles tendon operations, and he almost missed this meeting after the same of th this meeting after having an operation for haemorrhoids 10 days ago. Ridgeon, on medical advice, announced he was pulling out of the trials but eventually changed his

metres champion and holder of eight gold medals, he struggled home last be more moments " said holder of eight gold medals, be struggled home last behind Dennis Mitchell's 9.92sec at the US Olympic trials in Atlanta yesterday. Drummond third in 10.01. "I hope I've still got some more moments," said Lewis, still hoping for a 200m or long-jump place later this week. But after (10.82sec) pipped the Olympic champion Gail Devers (10.91) in the women's

Rugby Union New Zealand 62 Scotland 31

All black for men in blue

ICHIE DIXON, the Scot-land coach, yesterday called for an overhaul of club rugby north of the bor-der in the wake of the record defeat in the first Test in Dunedin, a game that illustrated the widening gulf between the two hemispheres.

A week after Wales were heavily beaten in the first Test against Australia, Scotland conceded nine tries on Saturday. Dixon said: "No club can go it alone. What is needed is for districts to have separate sponsors and to channel talent through

Dixon praised the Scotland. even though the tourists conceded 11 points more then in their previous worst Test defeat, also against the All Blacks, at Murrayfield in

But he admitted: "We still have problems in the front three against what is a huge New Zealand front row." Christian Cullen was Scot-

land's nemesis as the fullback, playing only his second match for the All Blacks, scored four tries in a brilliant

Scotland's captain Rob Wainwright conceded after-wards: 'This was the fastest Test that I have ever played in. I hope that this style gets back to Europe."

Dixon also conceded that the back three was another problem area. The wing Derek Stark, the centre Tony Stanger and the 21-year-old prop Barry Stewart therefore have the chance to press their claims for a place in the second Test in Auckland next Saturday when they play against Bay of Plenty in Roto-

Stack will play his first came since straining a hamstring in the match against Waikato while on the other wing. Scotland give the tour replacement Cameron Glasgow his first game.

The All Blacks, meanwhile. have recalled the centre Walter Little for the second Test. He replaces Walkato's Scott McLeod in New Zealand's only change. Little was ruled out of Saturday's Test by a recurring hamstring strain. Wales arrived in Mel-

bourne yesterday adamant that the Neath No. 8 Steve Williams, one of the successes of their tour, will be fit for the second Test against the Wal-

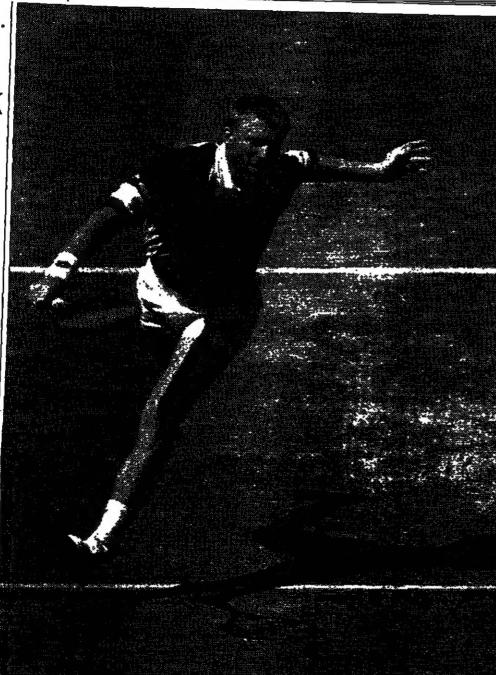
Williams was forced off with rib damage during the 49-3 victory over New South Wales Country in the Outback town of Moree on

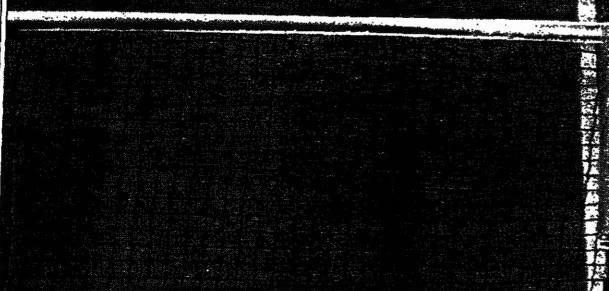
Saturday.
"It is just bruising. Steve will be okay by Saturday." said the tour manager Terry Cobner. "Hemi Taylor has a cut mouth but didn't need any stitches and will also be fine

for the Test in Sydney." The tourists, beaten 56-25 in the first Test, took to the spa waters for a "recovery" session before leaving Moree.

The spa waters speed up the recovery process for the start of the Europe 1 knocks and bruises so we single-handed transatlantic for a session in the pools," said Cobner.

The Cardiff wing Simon Hill boosted his chances of a Test place. He has scored four | knots of easterly breeze. tries in four games, including one of Wales's seven on Saturday. His fellow wing leuan Evans celebrated his MBE with the first after 13 minutes as Wales completed only the second win of their tour in heavy mud and rain, conditions more akin to South Wales than New South Wales. | anced but magnificently fast. | in Haute Normancie and Erraine





Bouncing back . . . Becker on his way to victory over Edberg in a joyous final at Queen's

PHOTOGRAPH: TOM JENGINS

Becker crowned in volleying jewel

two Stella Artois Championship finals produced a service break. "But that," said the doom-mongers, "is now grass court tennis is now." Thankfully the tedious, serve-dominated pattern was broken yesterday with a saladidhe terday with a splendidly positive jewel in the sun as Boris Becker celebrated the 11th anniversary of his first title here by defeating his long-time rival Stefan Edberg

6-4, 7-6.

It was a disappointing end to the Swede's spirited challenge—he had already defied the rankings and put out Goran Ivanisevic, Todd Martin and Thomas Muster—on his final engagement Vet his his final appearance. Yet his other defeats by the German at Queen's in 1988 and 1990 were the prelude to his two Wimbledon victories, so he

downhearted. After the 92-minute match ended Edberg told Becker he hoped to see him on court again in two weeks. "No," said Becker. "Three." And while it might be stretching credulity in support these two credulity to suggest these two could play a fourth Wimble-don final, the Swede's resurgence here has suggested he

Tomorrow's meeting of the

tee may be drawn into a long lebate as to whether Edberg should be included. It must be hoped the two will end up in opposite halves of the draw. Becker would not wish to play him early on and it was a measure of the German's respect that he admitted he had to raise his game to register his 25th win in their 35 contests since 1984.

contests since 1984.

"You have been a rival, a friend and someone who has shared the spotlight with me for a long time," he said.
"And surely the best ambassador I have ever seen for tennis." That brought a roar of amlanse from the nacked applause from the packed crowd on Centre Court. Edberg, who insists he will retire in November, has been special in a world increas-ingly dominated by greed and his passing will be mourned. Becker has now matched

John McEnroe's four titles here - although it took the American only six years. More importantly, the stan-dard of play was a heartening reminder that attractive ten-nis can be produced on grass. Winning volleys outnumbered aces by three to one.

For the first six games there was little to choose between the two. In the seventh Edberg faltered and allowed 6-0 victory over the world Becker to edge ahead with a No. 129 Stephane Simian. The

serve had been strangely

123mph. After 35 minutes Becker was a set ahead. It was equally tight in the second with the crowd at fever pitch as Edberg had a set point at 5-4 with a rare back-hand winner. Becker's response came with his sixth ace. "Whenever I had a ace. "Whenever I had a chance he would come up with a big serve," said Edberg ruefully. "That was probably the difference between us."

Stunned by two great forehand returns from Becker the

Swede then lost his serve to love, only to level courageously in the 12th. It was lottery time. But Edberg began the tie-break with his fourth double fault and, as he put it. Becker was then "off and away". A blistering forehand return gave Becker three match points. He needed only career was sealed

It was a perfect end to a often high-quality matches. The attendance record was broken, the final tally falling just short of 50,000. · Richey Reneberg took the

£44,250 Heineken Open at Rosmalen yesterday with a 6-4. cleverly guided backhand 30-year-old American domi-pass. Edberg missed his nated the 59-minute final

McGrath top-spin upsets Tauziat's drive and puts at risk her seat to Sussex

Richard Jago In Birminghem

WEREDITH McGRATH yesterday proved herself to be dangerous enough to influence this year's Wimbledon championship by mexpectedly capturing the DFS Classic at the Edgbaston Priory Club, seeing off the third of the leading

seeds in succession.
The Switzerland-based American followed suc-cesses over Natalia Zvereva and Brenda Schultz-McCarand Brenda Schultz-McCarthy by defeating the No. 2 seed and holder Nathalie Tauriat of France. She did so by recovering from a set and a break-point down to win 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

The win, however, could conceivably have lost her a lift down to the Eastbourne tournament which starts

tournament which starts today. "We were planning

to share the journey down there, so I hope there's still a seat in the car," said McGrath with a smile and looking remarkably chipper after a 21/4-hour match containing some lengthy rallies and played under a

relentless sun.
Twice in the vital sixth game of the final set McGrath also had to en-dure irritating freaks that contributed to her losing

her break of serve. First her backhand drive took a net cord but went for a winner.

Then McGrath's serve scuttled through low caus-ing Tauziat inadvertently to book the return into an awkward angle near the net, creating an opening for her to make a running fore-hand-volley pass.

But the underdog McGrath, despite those discouragements and a disconcerting start to the match during which she continnally overbit the baseline, became more potent as the contest wore on. Her timing improved and, when that happened, her flerce topspin applied increasing pressure to the elegant flow of Tauziat's more tradi-

tional drive.

McGrath's victory was the third tour title of her career but, remarkably, it was the first time in seven visits that she had won a match at Birmingham.

"I just came here wanting to win one match and I won six. If I get good draws in struck a net cord and the next couple of weeks I popped up for Tauziat to play a volley which also a age," she said. age," she said.
Tauziat bemoaned the

lack of penetration in her serve and pointed out that she tired towards the end but she said she was looking forward to defending her Eastbourne title.
"Though I'm not sure about sharing that lift," she

Peyron fast but precarious

Bob Fisher in Plymouth sees the defending | Francis Joyon in Banque Pochampion racing towards Rhode Island

French trimarans from were grateful for the chance | race on a 10-mile reach to the Eddystone lighthouse. Peyron topped 28 knots steadily with his 60-foot multihull, carving through the flat sea in 15-16

The offshore trimarans are powerful and no one demonstrated their speed potential better than Peyron, who won this race when it was last held four years ago. Lifting the weather hull and centre hull out of the water. Fuicolor II looked precariously bal- 21, more before Paul Varine Elena Paholchik of the

OICK PEYRON, in Fuji- | Fifty-eight boats started but color II, led a phalanx of Peyron crossed the line first on the eastern side of the committee boat. The pale pearlgrey hulls of Fujicolor II sliced through the water, spearheading the fleet to the Eddystone, 10 nautical miles

Just 23 minutes later, Peyron bore away around the lighthouse and soon set a big-ger reaching headsail on his way west to the Scillies. He | Walker were third at the end had averaged 26 knots from of the series held at Hayling the start. Almost two minutes elapsed before the favourite. Sue Carr were sixth in the Laurent Bourgnon in Prima- women's event, which was gaz, went past the light and won by Rulana Taran and

pulaire went by.
The 60ft monohulls were led by Yves Parlier in Aquitaine Innovations, Parlier rounded the Eddystone in 36 minutes, averaging 161/2 knots and was two minutes ahead of Gerry Rouffs in Group LG. The first English skipper was Josh Hall, on Gartmore Managers, three minutes behind Rouffs in third place.

Dmitry Berezkin and Eugene Burnatov of Russia are the new 470 European Champions; Britain's Olympic pair. John Merricks and Ian Island. Bethan Raggatt and

Sport in brief ******************

comfortably beat Bolivia 3-0

in New Jersey.

The 20-year-old Norwich striker Keith O'Neill scored twice in the US Cup tie at the Giants Stadium and the 18year-old Leeds defender Ian Harte headed the third.

McCarthy, who took over from Jack Charlton in February, said after the game: "It feels better than getting beat. I'm enjoying what I'm doing I'm enjoying the fact that we have new, fresh faces. I'll be happy with 50 per cent of Jack's success."

The South African Retlef Goosen, the leader from the first day, won the inaugural strong challenge by Ross | sport's most prolific batsman,

But Goosen kept his head despite dropping three shots in four holes from the 10th. A birdie at the short 16th for a final round of 72 finally ended

Drummond's charge. Boxing

Roy Jones warmed up for his title fight on Saturday night's by playing in a professional basketball game for the US Basketball League's Jackson-ville Barracudas in the afternoon, then easily retained his international Boxton Federa. International Boxing Federa-tion super-middleweight title by stopping the unrated Cana-dian journeyman Eric Lucas after 11 rounds.

Cricket

\$300,000 Slaley Hall Northum-berland Challenge by two nied reports that the 87-yearshots yesterday, resisting a old Sir Donald Bradman, the Murrayfield in Edinburgh.

was in failing health after a recent stroke.

Motorsport Frank Biela, the touring car championship leader, was disqualified from round 12 at Spetterton for a breach of driving rules after an acci-dent which ended the Honda driver David Leslie 's involvement in the race. Biela, who

finished sixth but received no points, still leads the championship by 49 points on 134. American Football

Roger Ruzek kicked a 37-yard field goal with just over three minutes left to give London Monarchs victory over Rhein Fire at Stamford Bridge in their final World League game of the season. The Monarchs' fourth win of the campaign condemned Fire to bot-tom place in the six-team league. The Scottish Clay-mores finished with the best overall record and meet Frankfurt Galaxy in next

Sunday's World Bowl at

Karpov wins again as black

ANATOLY KARPOV opened a 4-2 lead in the Fide world championship at Elists when he crushed his American challenger Gata Kamsky in only 29 moves, writes Leonard Barden.

Observers were astonished at the ease with which the 45year-old Russian, more than 20 years older than Kamsky. scored his second win with black in the 20-game match He chose the cautious Petroff Defence but play sharpened and Kamsky, mildly short of time, cracked at move 27. The

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EURO 96: ENGLAND'S OPENING WIN LEAVES SCOTLAND FACING AN EARLY EXIT



Yellow peril . . . Paul Gascoigne is swamped by England team-mates after the goal that ensured victory over Scotland at Wembley on Saturday

Group A: England 2, Scotland 0

A rousing change of tempo

Commentary

David Lacev

naments is largely a mat-ter of waking up at the right moment, then Engon their sense of timing. Just as the bad dream was threatening to recur, Terry Venables's team received their alarm call. They should not, however, expect a Continental breakfast in bed.

Having drawn 1-1 with Switzerland and besten Scotland 2-0. the same result as in their previous meeting in 1989, England are more or less where they hoped to be after the opening week of the European Champi-onship. They lead Group A because they have scored one goal more than Holland, so a draw

with the Duich tomorrow night would be enough to ensure that they stay top and remain at Wembley for the quarter finals. Things are getting better for England, despite the somnau-bulistic tendencies which char-

acterised their second half against the Swiss and their first against the Scots. Their superior approach work is at last being matched by the sort of finwhich has now broug Alan Shearer two excellent goals. And just when it seemed that even Venables must realise for the producal son, Paul Gas-coigne scored one of the best goals of the tournament.

David Seaman again proved England's saviour. Having de-nied Grassi a late winner for Switzerland, he saved the penal-ty from McAllister which might well have preserved Scottish hopes of a place in the last eight. Essentially, however, Eng-

land are where they are because their pece is at last being geared to McManaman rather than Gescoigne. When this happens Shearer is much more likely to receive the sort of quick, early centres he needs.

For half the match England believed they were getting somewhere with patient posses-sion football but, when foreign teams do this, they do not ball is moved around the field. At Wembley the ball plopped dully from one pair of English being given away. Scotland had even less pace

but, because their movement was more intelligent, they appeared to be performing at a higher tempo and had, in Tosh McKinlay, the only man capable of turning a flank. After 45 minutes Craig Brown's players cheerfully sprinted away while England trudged off in

Venables then took off Pearce, for whom this is already looking like one tournament too back and brought Redknapp into midfield. McManaman moved to the right to link up

ignoring Sheringham's lone presence on the left, passed to Redkrapp who in turn found McManaman. He drew the de-fence before releasing the overlapping Gary Neville. Neville's inspired centre evaded Hendry and Calderwood, and Shearer hurtled in front of McKimmie to

head the ball past Goram.

Briefly all of England was afire; then it was Switzerland all over again. England started to sit back and but for Seaman aged to save Durie's far-post header from Collins's cross. ing, McCall gathered McAllis-ter's crossfield pass and fed the

So now Seaman had to face a penalty for the second successive Saturday, this time in the knowledge that England's depend upon it. A week earlier Turkyilmaz had sent the England goalkeeper the wrong way but now Seaman guessed cor-rectly, deflecting McAllister's kick to safety with an elbow.

Amid the tumuit of relief, congratulation - and, for the Scots, despair — Gascoigne was largely forgotten, his only achievement of note being the fact that he had stayed on the field for the second half. Pink, peroxided and portly, he had be-

Sheringham and Anderton had worked the ball forward from fronting Hendry. It was a no-contest. Having flicked the ball with his left foot, Gascoigne then turned past Hendry to meet it with a sturning right-foot volley low and wide of Gor-am's right hand.

by an orchestra of critics, left the arena to songs of praise Poor Hendry, so brave and with such heart, had been drawn and quartered but they probably won't make a film about him.

Group B: France 1, Spain 1 French polish a thin veneer Martin Thorpe at Elland Road

He will once again lead the side against the Swiss but it seems certain that the manager Craig Brown will make a change or two as the Scots pursue an out-side hope of qualifying for

the quarter-finals. They have to win by three goals and bope that Eng-land defeat Holland at Wembley on the same night

in order to squeeze past the Dutch into second place.

Basler, who recently had an

operation on the same ankle,

was injured in a clash with the left wing-back Christian

Ziege of Bayern Munich, whom the midfielder is about

to join.
"There is no point in stay-

ing." said Basler. "I would have had to have a long lay-

tant player later in the tour

nament given that Germany

Gerhard Aigner said in a letter to the Romanians: "I must admit that the ball seemed to squad to 20.

Gascoigne helps widen horizons

Richard Williams on a tactical switch that liberated England's enigma and exonerated Terry Venables

British style and ingenuity it was like being forced to watch Granted, the Marina had nice clean tartan seat covers, al-though the driver didn't seem to be able to get out of second gear. But the Allegro's rear per was trailing on the you could smell the naust and there was a fat boy come by too much Tizer and no many hot dogs, too many okes and too much sun.

The first 45 minutes of the much beralded British champlonship was so embarrass-ingly devoid of quality that you just had to hope that no the white screens that hide Terry Venables' training sessions at Bisham Abbey from

the public gaze.

And could Paul Gascoigne really have put on another week since the Swiss match? He looked in such bad shape that he wouldn't have made it into the pre-match veterans kickabout alongside Stan Bowles and John Robertson, neither of them exactly devotees of the SAS way of fitness

As he sweated and strained Venables' obdurate refusal to bow to his critics. When he bellyflopped after missing a needlessly desperate diving clearance header, the Twin Towers shuddered. When Tosh McKinlay gently bun-dled him off the ball and into touch, you wanted to look

We could all see that there was something wrong with England's first-half performance. Only Terry Venables was in a position to fix it. And the deepest reservations about his appointment must the hour was darkest and the need most pressing, he came

"I'm not sure England didn't plan it all," Alistair McCoist observed after an hour's reflection in defeat think maybe they wanted to play the first half slow and calm, and then come at us in the second half."

If that had been so, Venables certainly wasn't admit-ting it. But he did use the halftime break to put a revised

a demonstration of weren't keeping the hall in ritish style and in midfield."

Liberating Gascoigne was beat two or three people beon the right. That's why ! changed them over."

The Scots noticed the effect straight away. "In the first able, although I wouldn't go overboard. After all, we never

man's efforts led to Shearer's goal. And then came the penwas particularly sensa-tional," Venables said "Velighted. He's been under a lot you expect him to halp Eng-land win a competition and then proceed to slaughter

His team-mates gets so much stick."

some of whom share the Ibrox dressing-room with him, miration. "That was a won-derful goal," McCoist said. 'And there was no gloating afterwards. He came up and shook each Scottish player by the hand. And I believe he would have done the same if we'd won. He's a bigger man Craig Brown and his team

are big men, too. There was players as they filed out of the dressing-room on Saturday generosity in defeat reflected their exemplary comportment throughout the day.

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"We've still got a chance of qualifying," McColst said. "So we've got to go and try to finish the job. That's what these fans deserve. They were a joy to play in front of. What But it was only one game,

Whether it means more than just a memory for England helped ourselves by playing it and Paul Gascoigne we may too narrow," he said. "We discover tomorrow night.

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"I don't think it's possible to feel any lower than I have since the end of the match'

Patrick Glenn finds the Scotland captain Gary McAllister still suffering yesterday

than to Gary McAllister yesterday but the Scotland captain refused to give his grilling a miss.

Showing as much moral fibre as he had when he volunteered to take the ulti-mately missed penalty that probably cost the Scots a draw at Wembley, the Leeds United midfielder spoke of the moment. Ally McCoist, his roommate at Scotland's War-

wickshire headquarters, had revealed that McAllister spent Saturday night alone watching a re-run of the entire match before the

Stephen Bradfield

F IT was cricket, Romania might still be in Euro 96. But without an official in the stand to watch the slow-

motion replay and dispense instant justice they will be on

their way home this week after a campaign that will be remembered solely for the

The fact that the television

The fact that the television pictures clearly showed that Dorinel Munteanu's powerful shot had bounced off the underside of the crossbar and well over the line during the 1-0 defeat by Bulgaria in Group B at St James' Park last week will be of little comfort to the Romanians.

ASUNDAY lie-in — at us in the lounge watching least until the press pack had passed through — we gave him a resounding could never have been more appealing to anyone his name," said McCoist. But the pain was still visible on McAllister's normally cheery face by lunch-time yesterday, when he dismissed the fact that the

hall moved slightly before he hit it and said he would carry on taking penalties.
"I don't think it's possible to feel any lower than I have since the end of the match," he said. "Yet at the same time I couldn't have been any higher, playing against England at Wembley. I expe-rienced both extremes on

the same day.
"I take full responsibility
and I'm still a bit down but rest of the squad pitched in to lift the captain's spirits. It have to pick up for the last group match against to lift the captain's spirits. last group match against "There were 19 or 20 of Switzerland on Tuesday.

Neither will the sympathy of Uefa, who reaffirmed that it

cision, or in this case the fail-

ure of the match official Peter

Mikkelsen and his linesmen to see what the cameras showed was blindingly

Uefa was responding to a

complaint by the Romanians,

who have suggested that elec-tronic devices similar to those used at Wimbledon be

introduced to avoid future

Their spokesman Radu Ti-

mofte said the protest had been made in the hope that it "might prompt Uefa to find ways to eliminate such a situ-

ation occurring again".

controversy.

Romania get Uefa's sympathy vote

tion occurring again".

Uefa's general secretary the Czech Republic a week

I'm not looking for support or help from anybody in those respects but I'm sure I'll get plenty from the guys around here. "The funny thing was. I

had decided to hit the ball straight and a little off the keepers usually move

early.
"If I had side-footed it for the corner he would have dropped his cap on it.
"Given the stage in the game I felt I had to score. simply didn't hit it quite straight enough and it bounced off David Sea-man's elbow as he dived to

his right.
"I had no qualms about taking the kick. I've been doing it for teams as far-back as I can remember, from boys club days. And I didn't feel the entire weight of the occasion, either. I just took it as automatically as I would any other set piece, like a free-kick or

have crossed the goal-line . . .

He added that the incident

"once again brings us face to face with the imperfection

ing the game."

Mario Basler became the

second German player to go

home after suffering an ankle

injury during training His departure, following that of the Borussia Dortmund cen-

tral defender Jürgen Kohler,

who injured knee ligaments

that is part of our game . . . "However, as you know, it is quite impossible to come back on decisions on points of



McAllister ... penalty in pain

if, as one of the tournament favourites, they expect to be needed at Anfield or Wembley A shoddy performance on Saturday leaves them needing to beat the group leaders Bulgaria tomorrow to avoid being caught by Spain, given that Javier Clemente's side should defeat the beleaguered

Romanians the same day. For 65 minutes France regularly drove through Spain with the ease of a British holl-daymaker. They did not create many chances but they were 1-0 up, had the match under control and a quarter final against one of the Group final against one of the Group A qualifiers in their sights. But then they decided to de-fend their lead, lost the initia-tive and, with five minutes to

HE evidence so far sug-

gests that France would be well advised to add

go, two vital points went as well. Perhaps Djorkaeff's 48th-Pernaps Djorkaeff's 48th-minute goal had lulled the French into thinking the job of qualification was done and they laid back thinking of England. But even Terry Ven-ables's side, derided as they are for not possessing the are for not possessing the silky skills of the top Europe-ans, would fancy their quar-ter-final chances against

off and then had to start training all over again."

Basler was not in the first-choice line-up of Germany's coach Berti Vogts but he could have become an important player letter in the four Aime Jacquet's team in this Having scraped a victory over Romania in the first match, they demonstrated a similar inability to kill off this game. The touch and the

artistry that featured heavily have had eight players in France's pre-tournament booked.

disappointing Spanish often discovered. But they surfaced only fleetingly. At other times the team were wobbly at the back, lethargic in midfield— especially Zidane— and wasteful up front.

On the positive side for France, Djorkaeff's goal confirmed him as a finisher of the highest class and the pro-vider, Karembeu, as a mid-fielder of style and vision. The latter's delightful 20-yard chip released Djorkaeff be-hind Spain's back line into the area and, despite sudthe area and, despite sud-denly having very little space in which to work as Lopez lunged at his side, Djorkaeff stabbed the ball past Zubizar-reta with a snake-tongue flick of his right boot. Though Zubizarreta had al-

ready pulled off a stumning save to deny Guerin, he was relatively untroubled until the goal. Then Spain were allowed back into the game and the substitute Kiko took full advantage.

One of his crosses nearly set up Alfonso, then another created the equaliser. It was only half-cleared by Deschamps to Manjarin and he fed the unmarked Caminero.

fied the unmarked Caminero, who shot past Lama.

SCORERS: Frameou Diorizaeti (48min)Spaline Caminero (85).
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Caminero, Allomos (Salines, 83).

 Bulgaria are likely to be without the striker Emil Kostadinov, who has a hamstring injury, for the match against France. A definite absentee is the defender Radostin Kishishev, who is suspended bay-

ing picked up two yellow

Group C: Russia 0, Germany 3

Klinsmann shows killer instinct

Richard Williams at Old Trafford

The Control

JRGEN Klinsmann returned in triumph to the national colours yesterday. After missing Germany's opening vic-tory over the Czech Republic through suspension, he pulled on the captain's armhand and scored two of their three second-half goals against a Russian side reduced to 10 men after the sending off of Yuri Kovtun, their toughest defender.

The manner of their win can do nothing but enhance the Germans' standing as favourites. Absorbing the Russians' early efforts, they responded to the promptings of Andy Möller and increased the pressure in the second half. After their sweeper, Matthias Sammer, had opened the scoring, the Russians crumbled. More impressive going forward than in defence, Germany look capable, thanks to Klinsmann, of scor-

ing a lot more goals in the next formight.

Defeat for Russia, the only team in Group C not to have won one of their first two fixtures, makes them virtual certainties for a flight home after their meeting with the Czechs on Wednesday. As well as Kovtun, they will be missing Viktor Onopko, who was booked for a second time in the tournament yesterday, and Yevgeni Bushmanov, who was injured in the first match and has already departed. A Czech victory would leave Italy needing to beat Germany on the same night to have a chance of stay-

ing in. The Russian coach, Oleg Romantsev, was highly critical of his team. "Some of my players were bad," he said.
"Others were worse. We had
no fighting spirit. I'm embarrassed by our results in the first two games." Andrei Kan-chelskis, practically invisible on his return to Old Trafford, refused to respond to Romant-sev's words, but said that he was unhappy about being asked to play in a more withdrawn position.

No such problems for Klins-

mann. "We're very happy." he said. "We had a few problems in the first half, but we thew that if we scored the first goal we'd win the game."

He was in the action straight away, spinning off Kovtun to win a throw-in in across the goalmouth for his day when the pride of this emthe opening seconds. The long fellow striker to slide it care-throw was booked wide of fully home, this time with the Dmitri Kharin's right-hand inside of his right foot. bryonic nation guaranteed themselves a place in the quarter-finals of their first post by Thomas Helmer. The first Russian threat came from Igor Kolyvanov, whose effort from Ilya Tsymbalar's right-wing corner was punched away by Andreas Kopke. A minute later a corner from the other side, taken

oy Alexander Mostovoi, was cleared to Tsymbalar, whose cross-shot came back off the post for Kolyvanov to head into Köpke's arms.

When Mostovoi dribbled through the fringe of the German defence, Kolyvanov was unable to get in his shot. At this point Kolyvanov was looking the most drawn was looking the most dangerous player on the field, and Mar-kus Babbel was booked for bringing him down. Onopko and Oliver Bierhoff were also booked for illegal tackles later in the half.

Mostovoi opened the second half by curling a right-footed free-kick just past the angle, but after 55 minutes Germany took the lead with a sweeper's goal of which Franz Beckenbauer would have been proud. No one spotted Sammer as he came through inviting a pass from Möller. Kharin parried his first shot but Sammer nudged the rebound into the net.

Russia's last worthwhile chance came after 69 minutes, when Mostovoi's short pass put Kolyvanov clean through eight yards from goal. The German defenders looked at each other in horror, but Kolyvanov was equally astonished and failed to control the ball, which ran through to

A minute later the Russians suffered a final blow when Kovtun was sent off for going through with both feet on Dieter Eilts. Now they were easy prey for Klinsmann, whose first goal, scored after 77 minutes, was as classic an example of this striker's art as White Hart Lane ever saw. Taking a perfect pass from Bierhoff in the inside right channel, he sprinted past Yuri Nikiforov before flicking the ball past Kharin's right hand with the outside of his right boot

Two misses by Bierhoff within a minute prefaced his substitution with five minutes to go. First Möller sent Freund, who had replaced Thomas Hässler, down the right for a cross measured an inch too high for Bierhoff's leap. When Ziege became the next to benefit from Möller's accuracy, a cross from the left fell perfectly for Bierhoff, who

muffed a simple tap-in. Stefan Kuntz, who had taken Bierhoff's place along-

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Police make hundred arrests

OLICE said yesterday and public order matters they had made more and another nine by British

Scotland match. the Metropolitan Police for said a police spokesman.
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than 100 arrests before and after the England versus

Scotland match.

Transport Police.

"We do not yet have the details if those charged are Ninety-eight were held by English or Scottish fans,"



Dane and out . . . Brian Laudrup takes a flier after a clash with the Croatian captain Boban as the champions fall to earth

Group D: Croatia 3, Denmark 0

Suker's double blow floors champions

Martin Thorpe at Hillsberough

major tournament. The outstanding player was Davor Suker. He scored two of the goals and laid on the other as the holders Denmark were swept aside. "We gave a performance that was enjoyed by all the footballing world," said their coach Miroslav

After scoring in every qual-ifying game Suker was so intent on making an impression in Euro 96 that he learned English just so that he could

in Euro 96 that he learned English just so that he could give interviews. Now he will have plenty of opportunity.

To qualify the Danes must beat Turkey and hope Croatia beat Portugal. But the holders had begun well, twice getting behind their opponents' de-

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with long-range through-balls to Brian Laudrup.

and Denmark's best chance of the first half was a 31st-min-

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But both came to nothing

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fence in the first 20 minutes | was blocked at the last second | resolute but uninspired | having a two-goal cushion by the keeper's flying hand. But Croatia slowly began to Danes were forced on to the back foot and, though Crochange the script. Prosinecki, atia's build-ups remained Asanovic and the fit-again Bopainfully slow, on reaching ban taking control of midfield and cutting off the supply to sight of goal they now switched up several gears.

reverse pass. Prosinecki fed Vlaovic this way only for the hero of the win over Turkey to shoot at Schmeichel

The impressive Asanovic repeated the formula, only for Vlaovic this time to be booked for diving under a challenge

by Schmeichel. Seven minutes after the break however, the Manchester United keeper was deemed to have brought down Stanic. The wing-back had been by a through-pass from Bilic ful left-foot chip. and, as he pushed the ball final Suker punch. round Schmeichel, the keeper caught him with his hand. Suker scored from the spot. Croatia nearly made it 2-0 12 minutes from time when Stimac hit the bar from a corner and then came close to

when Brian Laudrup hit the post at the other end.

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they had not included Gareth Southgate, in either midfield or defence. But they did at least select Matthew Le Tissier and Peter Beardsley for their squad. On the other hand that can-

> ALKING of dentist's chairs, one man who can certainly claim never to Goram, who is thoroughly orthodontically challenged and as toothless as the Scotland attack.

Boris Yeltsin will be hoping that the only bad news he got yesterday

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(Fowles 4-32). Hereford 211-9 (Bevins 54).
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Youl 82, Fletcher 4-82, Armstrong 4-73)
and 29-2. Lints 225-6 (S G Plumb 57).
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S M Clements 71) and 102-2. Beds 225-1
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Peaks Bucks 206 (C Flesky 5-60), and 40-0.
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55, Taylor 4-80). Wills 113 (Ask Din 4-6,
Byram 4-38) and 35-2.

TOUR OF SWITZERLAND: Sidth stage (Oberrald to Ascons; 169km): 1. G Bugno (it) 4hr 27min 52sac, 2, M Vergnani (it), 3, A Meler (Switz): 4. F Putina (Switz): 5. C Finco (it), 6. R Forconi (it) same time. Overall standings: 1. Faresin 24hr 50min issec: 2. Bugno at 32sec; 3. P Luttenberger (Aut) same bma, 4. E Berzin (Rus) 2.15; 5. B Rijs (Den) 2.14; 6. A Elli (it) 2.17. HYTERMATIONAL WEEK (sie of Man): Motentain time trial (\$7.75 miles): 1. A Langella (Fr) the 28min 55eec, 2. S Dangerliadi (Parter International RT) 1:29.64; 3. V Krawichenko (Ka2) 1:29.13 Woment I Fletcher (Glasgow Nightingsie CC) 201.27.

PRE-ATLANTA JATERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT (Milton Keynes): Mann Notherlands 2. Germany 2. Germany 5. Pakistan 1; Great Entain 1, Netherlands 2. Final standings: 1. Germany 50%; 2.

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Motor Racing

CANADIAN GRAND PRIX: 1 D Hill (GB; Williams 2.) Viviloneuve (Can) Williams 2.) Viviloneuve (Can) Williams 3.) A Nest (Fr. Benerich 1 D Couthard (GB) McLarer 5 M Brundle (GB) Jordan, 7.) Herbort (GB, Sauber 8 & Fischolds (IB Manazi World Drivers* Chompionality standings: 1. D Hill (GB) Sapis. 3.) Vivilencuve Can 7... 5 M Schumacher (Ger 28 A.) Ariss (Fr. 21 S. D Couthard (GB) 15. O Pane, Fr. 21 S. D Couthard (GB) 10. 8 E rivine (SB) 9-8, R Barrichello (BD) G Berger (Au) 7. M Halkapen (Fm) 10. 8 E irvine (SB) 9-11, H Frentzen (Ger 6 1.2 M Sab) (Fin 3. 13.) Herbort (GB) 4, 14, M Brundle (GB) 2. 15. J. Verstappen (Noth) P Dunc (Br.) 1. Constructors* Championables 1, Williams 85ps. 2, Feruir 35; 8 Lancian 25. 4. McLaren 25, 5. Logier 326 5 auber 12.7 Jordan 9, 8. Tyrrel 5.9. Footwork 1. Let Mans 24 HOURS: Leading final phologes: 1. M Peutor D Jones Wirz (Ger/US/Aunt TWR Porsche 35 Laps. 2. Hancian 25. Sack/T Bouton/B Wolles (Ger Buffer Porsche 91) GT1 at 1 kp. 5 v Dalmas X Wendlinger/S Goodyoar (Fr Aut (An) Courage Porsche 13; 4.) Micison (Court Buffer) McLaren BMW 16, 5. L Owen-Jones P Rephanel/D Brightym (GB-Fr/Abx) McLaren BMW 17, 6, A Weitsen D GB-Fr/Abx (MCLaren BMW 16, 5. L Owen-Jones P Rephanel/D Brightym (GB-Fr/Abx) McLaren BMW 17, 6, A Weitsen D GB-Fr/Abx (MCLaren BMW 17, 6, The Court (GB-SS-Fin) McLaren BMW 17, 6, The Court (GB-SS-Fin) McLaren BMW 18, 10. P Cobb M Dommars (GB-Fr/Abx) McLaren BMW 26, Fin) McLaren BMW 18, 10. P Cobb M Dommars (GB-SS-Fin) McLaren BMW 18, 10. P Cobb M Dommars (GB-Fr/Abx) McLaren BMW 18, 10. P Cobb M Dommars (GB-Fr/Abx) McLaren BMW 18, 10. P Cobb M Dommars (GB-Fr/Abx) McLaren BMW 18, 10. P Cobb M Dommars (GB-Fr/Abx) McLaren BMW 18, 10. P Cobb M Dommars (GB-Fr/Abx) McLaren BMW 18, 10. P Cobb M Dommars (GB-Fr/Abx) McLaren BMW 18, 10. P Cobb M Dommars (GB-Fr/Abx) McLaren BMW 18, 10. P Cobb M Dommars (GB-Fr/Abx) McLaren BMW 18, 10. P Cobb M Dommars (GB-Fr/Abx) McLaren BMW 18, 10. P Cobb M Dommars (GB-Fr/Abx) McLaren BMW 18, 10. P Cobb M Dommars (GB-Fr/Abx) McLaren BMW 18, 10. P Cob CANADIAN GRAND PRIX: 1 D Hill IGE;

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Sweet talking failure **EUT 96 @** DIARY.

"HE FA conumercial de-partment continue to de-velop their reputations as the stormtroopers of exclusive sponsorship. They em-ploy a team of miked and earpieced spotters to ensure that no unlicensed sponsors get any publicity at Euro 96 games — punters holding up placards with rival compa-

nies names on, and so on. However. during the Holland v Scotland game a stew-ard was asked if he could attract the attention of Andy Goram to ask him to remove a sweet wrapper from his goal mouth that ... well. it wasn't a Snickers. The steward, showing admirable instinct for self-preservation, refused.

HERE were always going to be language problems at Euro 96 and one Spanish fan is keenly aware of it. He sought directions in Leeds for a nearby hostel — "un hostal, por favor" — which may mean a small family hotel in Spanish but some-thing very different in Leeds. He was mistakenly sent to a Victorian hostel for the home-less in the south of the city that has only five residents because it is closing down. When the care workers whom our friend assumed were room service — woke him up at 8.30am (chuckingout time) they asked if he wanted something to eat be-fore he went. "Ah," he said. "A large continental breakfast in the room please. When the welfare refused to provide it he opted for care in the community and moved on.

"HE police have played a vital part so far in making Euro 96 a success, en tering into the spirit of things where necessary, stopping trouble before it starts in others. Tale One: The Birmingham camp-site, where apparently a police officer became the star turn in the But Croatia finally secured | beer-tent karaoke the other their victory on 81 minutes | night when he got on stage

Boban running in. fans arrive at Villa Park, one But Suker saved the best of them, entrusted with their for last. First he saw Schmei- tickets, falls over and loses chel off his line and auda- one of the tickets on the way clously tried to beat him with a to the ground. The pair nearly a shot from just inside half-way. He nearly succeeded over who will go in with the Four minutes later Asanovic | one ticket they have left when found Suker on the left wing police intervene and suggest with a 40-yard ball that that one of them goes behind caught the Danish defence at | a wall. Nervously he agreed full stretch. The striker took | but instead of coming back it in his stride, looked up and, with the traditional "clip on seeing Schmeichel off his the ear that never did anyone given him his spare ticket illegal but nonetheless effective policing.

URTHER updates on the appalling figurines put out to celebrate Euro 96 appalling figurines put out to celebrate Euro 96 On Friday we reported that

not excuse what the models look like. The one of Andy Cole — he got in too — looks more like Eddie Murphy, that of David Plant could be anyone and the Paul Gascoigne one looks like the old Action Man. And on the accessory front it remains impossible to buy a dentist's chair in which to keep Teddy Sheringham.

was the football result. The Russian president was planning to take his mind off Sunday's presidential elections by watching Russia play Germany on television.

now fly home on Thursday. John Duncan

Sports Guardian

EURO 96: RUNAWAY VICTORY FOR GERMANY



Total commitment... Igor Kolivanov, left, and Stefan Reuter tussle for the ball at Old Trafford, where Germany defeated Russia 3–0 yesterday

Gung-ho Venables goes on the attack

Shearer leads the charge as fearless England aim for a win against Holland

David Lacey

draw with Holland tomorrow night to als of the European Champiand and a draw would send the conship and stay at Wembley. Dutch to Anfield. Not that the Saturday's 2-0 victory over obvious attractions of a draw draw," he said yesterday. "I

Scotland has shown Terry will prevent England seeking Venables the way ahead. Venables the way ahead. England and Holland, both with four points, are sepa-rated by England's extra goal. France, Bulgaria or Spain await the Group A qualifiers.

dangerous game for us. If we think we're through now that vould be a big mistake. Cup defeat in Rotterdam

three years ago that marked the beginning of the end of Graham Taylor's reign. the worst team in the world or the best, and neither is true. We've just got to keep our feet on the ground and make sure we go into this game in the right way."

to play in a back four beside Tony Adams. Persisting with three-man defence would be "As a nation, we're inclined believe that we're either a big risk against a Dutch side using two wingers and a cen-Adams (knee) and Paul Ince

> aged ankle ligaments and will not be fit before the quarterfinals, if then eliminated by losing 2-0 to Holland while Switzerland beat Scotland by a similar score at Villa Park. England and Switzerland, having drawn 1-1, would be level on points and goals. In this case

(ankle) were nursing knocks yesterday and should be fit but Jamie Redknapp has dam-

Switzerland would go through with a higher co-effi-cient, calculated on results from the European Champi-onships of 1992 and 1996 as onships of 1992 and 1990 as well as the 1994 World Cup.
Yet England should have little to fear so long as David Seaman is stopping goals at one end and Alan Shearer is a the other.

scoring them at the other. Shearer has struck gold at the right moment, his near-post shot against the Swiss and

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don't think Holland will play | the team that began on Satur | far-post header against the for a draw. I know we won't. | day but with Gareth South | Scots banishing the frustrations of nearly two seasons without an international goal.
"Alan Shearer has kept his ad clear and remained confident right through this diffi-cult period." Venables said

yesterday. "He knows that if you start panicking you begin hitting shots from bad angles and making wrong decisions. He's never done that. Now he looks good and hungry." Paul Gascoigne's spectacular second goal for England

the moment, the mounting criticism about his contribution to Euro 96, and Venables gave him every credit.
"I don't believe too many

people would have been able to score a goal like that at this level." he said. "It was a super goal. He'd made a good run to get into position and Darren Anderton set him up with a marvellous pass.

"We then saw his skill in flicking the ball past Colin Hendry and his composure with the shot. This showed that he still has the same ability he has always had. It was vintage Gascoigne."

Hill first in Canada as Ferrari **fumble**

Alan Henry in Montreal

AMON HILL scored a runaway victory in the Canadian Grand Prix here to reverse the disappointments of the past two races and strengthen his position at the head of the world championship table as the season reaches its half-

It was the 18th grand prix victory of his career and another crushing display of superiority by the Williams-Renault team, for whom Jacques Villeneuve completed a one-two finish in front of his home crowd and on the circuit named in hon-

Hill now has 53 points to Villeneuve's 32 and gained a futher boost when the reigning world champion Michael Schumacher failed to add to his score on an afternoon of mechanical

Renault finished third, ahead of the McLaren-Mercedes of David Coulthard and Mika Hakkinen, while Martin Brundle celebrated his 150th grand-prix start with a steady sixth place in his Jordan

Schumacher's nightmare afternoon began even before the green light, when an elec-trical problem left his Ferrari V10 stranded during the parade lap. The Italian team's mechanics fell on the scarlet machine in a frenzy but by life Hill was halfway round the lap and Schumacher, who was supposed to be third on the starting grid, had to start

at the back of the 20-car pack. On lap 43, and in seventh stop his team had envisaged but seconds later he was shaft broke and flew off the of the pit lane.

Hill, who had been fastest in the crucial half-hour warm-up on race morning, emerged from the cockpit of his car with a big grin. "Tm very happy," he said. "The handling balance is the best I've had all weekend. If it's like this in the race, I shall be

It was and he was. Starting with a lighter fuel load than his team-mate Villeneuve. Hill was intent on taking full

the opening stages of the race, and steadily pulled away in a cool and unruffled display of

shead of Alesi and Eddie Ir-vine's Ferrari but the Ulsterman slowed midway round the second lap after suddenly feeling the car's handling debehind. After allowing the rest of the field to overtake he drove gingerly round to the pits, where the car was retired with suspected dam-

aged suspension. Hill made his first refuelling stop on lap 28, allowing Villeneuve through for a temporary lead, an achievement which moved the local crowds to display a degree of fervour which proved as fleeting as their man's advantage. Ville-neuve came in for his first stop on lap 36 and Hill surged back to take his seemingly rightful place at the head of the field.

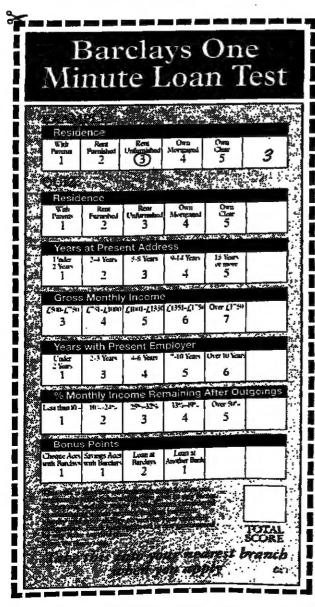
Hill's strategy worked per-fectly as he quickly stabilised commanding lead over Villeneuve, while Schu-macher's strategy to make a single refuelling stop, which might have worked in his favour had he been up among the leaders, now left him with a fuel-heavy Ferrari boxed in among the slower cars.

By the time the race reached the 23-lap mark — one-third distance — he was still trailing round in 11th place, struggling to challenge Johnny Herbert's Sanber and Mika Salo's Tyrrell immediately ahead. By lap 43 Schu-macher had climbed to in for his single refuelling stop. The car was stationary for 12.4sec but, as he accelersee one of the Ferrari's driveshafts flying off the back of the car. With only one rear wheel now driving, Schudoomed and he crawled back to the pit lane and retired. It ended a dismal day for Fer-

from victory in Barcelona.
With the next three races taking place on three of the fastest circuits on the F1 schedule - Magny-Cours, Sil-Hill will be out to press home his advantage as Ferrari steel themselves to recover from this unexpected setback.

advantage of a clear track in | Porsche win Le Mans, page 12

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- 11 Designed shoe for dancers 12 Nursery
- 14 Pound notes may be what it means! (10)
- 16 Thoughtful pub holds raffle
- of Belgian French (7)
- 19 Where dockers may celebrate a boom? (7,3) 22 Merit award in best artistic
- 24 Notices damaged part (7) 25 Mr. Kelly has a twitch - It's
- 27 Medical treatment in battle
- Down 1 The way optimists look is
- rather clever (2,3,6,4) 2 Married in the old-fashioned
- WEY (8) 3 Bags of patients (5)
- 4 It is used for shelling before the soldiers go in (3,5)
- 5 Good opening with scope
- 6 Consequently how the product is expressed (2,1,6) 7 In this way a West African
- country becomes East African (6) 8 Arousing huge cry, dog ran in aporting contests (9,6) 15 Ordered cessation of

people paddling (9)

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